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# Notorious burglar brought to city

## Escorted by 12 Police Officers and an armed vehicle

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (RK&BCT)- How many Policemen are needed to bring a house-burglar from one State to another? Under normal circumstances, a maximum of three to four Policemen will accompany a criminal to ensure that he does not escape.

In this case, however, the burglar was so notorious that he had to be brought to Mysuru from Tamil Nadu by more than 12 Police officers and staff. He was handed over to the Mysuru Police yesterday for them to probe burglary cases in Saraswathipuram and T.K. Layout.

Investigating over four burglary cases at Saraswathipuram and T.K. Layout that occurred in the last two months, Saraswathipuram Police had arrested Mani and Ravi sometime back. Interrogating them, the Police found that the kingpin of the gang was Arul Raj, who hailed from Madurai in Tamil Nadu.

Arul Raj has more than 30 house burglary cases against him and he is an expert in breaking locks and almirahs. The Chennai and Madurai Police had arrested him in the past but he either managed to escape from custody or secure bail from the courts.

Knowing Arul Raj's background, the Saraswathipuram Police contacted Madurai Police and learnt that Arul Raj was arrested a couple of days back and was in their custody. Wasting no time, the Saraswathipuram Police applied for a body warrant in the court to investigate cases in Mysuru and informed their counterparts in Madurai.

Accordingly, a team left from Madurai yesterday morning and it comprised one DySP, one Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 3 ASIs, plus other staff. They arrived at Thalavadi Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border in Chamarajanagar and handed over Arul Raj to Mysuru Police.

The Mysuru Police team was led by Saraswathipuram Inspector K.C. Poovaiah, two Sub-Inspectors, 2 ASIs and other staff. The team had taken a City Armed Reserve Vehicle to the border to bring Arul Raj. When asked why so much Policemen to bring just one criminal, Police sources said that they did not want to take any chance as the Madurai Police had informed them before hand about Arul's notoriety.

Arul has been produced before a magistrate yesterday night who has handed him over to four-day Police custody. The Police now have to recover stolen valuables.

**Belavatha Mystery Fire**

## Pollution Control Board team visits spot, collects samples

*Pollution Control Board officials and experts are seen collecting soil samples at Shyadanahalli this morning.*

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (RK&BCT)- A team from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board arrived in city this morning to probe the mystery fire that occurred at Shyadanahalli near Belavatha that killed 14-year-old Harshal a couple of days back. The 10-member team visited the spot and collected samples.

The team from Bengaluru was headed by Pollution Control Board Chairman Lakshman and included officers including Senior Environment Officer Lingaraju, Environment Officer M.G. Raghavan, Senior Scientific Officer Dr. Nagappa, Scientific Officer Kavitha and Environment Officer Yathish.

The team that has expertise in such cases that involve chemicals was accompanied by Tahsildar T. Ramesh Babu, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Industrial Area Manufacturers Association Vice President K. Ravindra Prabhu and Secretary K.B. Lingaraju.

Using gloves and masks, the team collected samples from the accident site. Experts had brought airbags, pipes, blowers and other equipment. They inserted pipes inside the loose sand that has high concentration of chemicals and collected the gases that emit from the place. They also collected samples from a couple of places surrounding the spot. A JCB was specially brought to dig the ground around the area and samples were collected. A fire engine was stationed at the site as a precautionary measure.

Speaking to reporters after inspection, Lakshman said that an expert committee has been formed to probe the incident and it will submit its report in a couple of days.

(See TEAM on page 13)

## Cash crunch hits city
# ATMs go dry

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&KS)- Demonetisation blues seems to have returned to haunt the residents of Mysuru as most ATMs have gone cashless since a few days due to severe cash crunch, making people to run from one ATM to another to get cash but in vain. Security guards of most of the ATMs in city had hung 'No Cash' or 'Under Repair' boards, which prompted the public to frantically go in search of cash or stand in queues in front of a few ATMs that had cash.

(See ATM on page 13)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

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Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Saturday 22nd April 2017

# Heritage: Crying wolf

**Mysureans are occasionally aroused about the various ingredients of the city and their heritage. While buildings with recorded times of their construction dating back to hundred years or more have been hogging media space on a scale not witnessed until just a few years ago, the residents of the city are also reminded of heritage foods (such as *Mysurpak*, attributed to a staff in the kitchen of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at the turn of the last century, answering to the name Kaakasura Maadappa), heritage games (such as *pagade, chowkaabaara*), heritage adjuncts (such as betel leaf, brinjal, jasmine), heritage perfumes (such as now-gone brands of agarbathis, sandalwood oil and soap) and so on, not to forget now-chopped-off heritage trees in their large numbers. Priding about the city's heritage as a legacy from the past, distant as well as near, resting as it does in the minds of old timers of Mysuru, has gone out of fashion in circles of gen next.**

**Barring a few cases of heritage buildings, Amba Vilas, known more commonly as Mysore Palace, taking the top spot, given the ongoing assault by JCB machines on many others which have seen halcyon days in the past, while raising voices in the cause of heritage structures in various circles reminds one of the wolf-wolf cries of the shepherd boy in Aesop's fables dating back to about 2,600 years.**

**Bestowing all attention on buildings for unquestionably strong reasons such as having been residence of eminent personalities (such as Thathaiah of Mysuru, famed teacher of philosophy Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Swami Vivekananda) has unarguably clouded our minds resulting in neglecting many other exciting constituents of heritage stated above. The razed heritage buildings, granting that none of them can be intact for eternity, may or may not be recreated to give them fresh life, but the rest of the heritage components may not even find place in the pages of Mysuru's history if succeeding generations turn a blind eye of them. According GI tag to some of them may not help their survival in days ahead.**

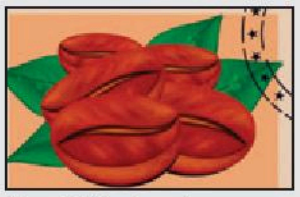
**Apart from buildings, foods, games, adjuncts and others that bear the stamp of Mysuru of bygone days, one cannot but provide a prominent place to the now-almost-extinct profile of a typical Mysurean of old times, virtually living by Bobby McFerrin's prescription *Don't worry, be happy*. If Mysureans favour life disregarding their city's heritage, why talk of heritage, like Aesop's shepherd boy?**

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

**MAID IN INDIA:** ***Even Indians with modest incomes keep servants because physical work, specifically cleaning, is looked down upon in our culture. We could pretend otherwise. The first thing servanting (I am coining this word) does is dehumanise us. Those of us who keep servants grow up being accustomed to rules that are barbaric. What our servants may eat, when they may eat, what they may eat out of. Where they may sit (actually mostly where they may not) and where they may accompany us and how. If we were asked to individually question each of these rules we would be appalled by them because we are all essentially moral creatures. But collectively these rules have become normalised and acceptable. Dehumanise means to deprive and deny someone of their human-ness. That is a pretty good definition of what we do and why we do it. The practice of servanting also dehumanises your servant. Indians are condemned by birth. There is almost no chance of escaping your class here because the middle class is uninterested in supporting public expenditure on education and health. It demands (and gets) bullet trains, smart cities and more fighter planes. The poor will take care of themselves: our needs come first.*** *— Aakar Patel in The Times of India.*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### "Stamps to have coffee aroma"



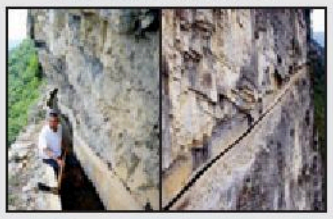
New Delhi : In a bygone era, young women would spray a little perfume on their letters to their beaus. Nowadays, of course, even getting a handwritten letter in the post is a rarity.

But India Post is making it possible to send letters that carry the fragrance of something a large part of India loves deeply: On Sunday, Apr. 23, the Department of Posts will release a 'coffee stamp' at the General Post Office, Bengaluru.

The stamps have been printed at the India Security Press, Nashik. "The technology involves spraying or embossing the stamps with fine coffee granules, that will retain the aroma for long time," said Charles Lobo, Chief Post Master General, Karnataka Circle.

Bhutan first introduced the concept of aromatic stamps in 1973. India introduced its first aromatic stamp in 2006, with a 15 sandalwood-scented stamp; thirty lakh of these sold out within two weeks.

### Man moved the mountains!



Guizhou Province: Huang Dafa, chief of Caowangba, a small village hidden deep in the mountains of Guizhou Province, China, spent 36 years digging a 10-kilometer-long water canal through three mountains.

The Chinese legend of Yu Gong speaks of an old man, who started digging away mountain to make a direct route to the village. People mocked him for and called his effort a futile, but today, the saying "yu gong yi shan" – "the old man that could move mountains" – he is describe as the face of insurmountable odds. Yu Gong was helped by divine intervention, his will & the power of persuasion to build a long water channel through three karst mountains. His ambitious project began in 1959 and required 36 years of hard labour to complete. Huang recalls being the first to tie himself to a tree trunk at the top of a 300-meter-high cliff and take a leap of faith over the edge. Then villagers spent 10yrs digging a 100m tunnel through a mountain peak using only hand tools. In 1995, the 7,200m, long water canal and a 2,200m long branch channel were finally completed, and water began flowing into Caowangba and other three villages, supplying them with running water. It was named Dafa Channel, in honour of its mastermind.

## HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

### Will drinking coffee stunt my child's growth?

There is no evidence to support the claim that coffee or tea will stunt a child's growth. The best argument for not allowing a child to drink coffee is that the caffeine may cause agitation, irritability and insomnia due to its effects on the child's small body mass.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

## Dr. Raj Musical Nites in city on Apr. 24

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SP&KS) - Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group has organised '*Doddordhwani*', a musical evening in memory of matinee idol late Dr. Rajkumar on Apr. 24 at 5.30 pm in Kalamandira in city.

Addressing a press conference at Patrakarthara Bhavan, announcer Mike Chandru said that District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev will inaugurate the event in the presence of Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji. Corporator B.M. Nataraj will preside.

Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, playback singers Ananya Bhat and Gangadhar, J. Venkatesh of K.N. Pura, N. Raju, President of Puneeth Samaja Seva Samithi, Mahadevaswamy, Secretary, actors Poornachandra and Rajalakshmi and Mike Chandru will be felicitated.

Vidu. Jayashree Mahesh will present Bharatanatya while singers Jayaram, S. Balraj, Dr. Natashekar, Ananya Bhat, Sarvamangala, Sahana and Ramachandra will render songs from Dr. Rajkumar's movies to mark the thespian's birth anniversary.

**At Jaganmohan Palace:** Meanwhile, Madhura Gana Kala Vrunda too has organised a musical event titled *Eradu Nakshatragala Rasasanje* on Apr. 24 at 5.30 pm at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium.Film Director Bhargava will be the chief guest, according to Kala Vrunda Founder Ramesh Kumar.

## Shab-e-Mayraj on Apr. 24

Mysuru, Apr.22 - Muslim brethren in city will be celebrating Shab-e-Mayraj on Apr.24 all through the night at Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath Masjid and offer prayers in the evening at Masjid-e-Aqsa, Fountain Circle, N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru, offer Namaz-e-Isha prayer, followed Shab-e-Mayraj.

Moulana Abdul Salam Razvi, Khateeb Masjid Aqsa, will deliver a lecture after Mehfil Nath Khawni at Masjid Dargahi, Sawday Road, Mandi Mohalla.

Namaz-e-Isha prayers will be offered at 9.30 pm on Apr.24 after the lecture and hold Mehfil Nath Khawni till Namaz-e-Fazar on Apr.25. For details, contact Mob: 9886324913, according to a press release.

## Really...?

- ***The high carbon dioxide level in the Earth's atmosphere is slowly lowering the pH balance of the world's oceans and making them acidic. Once the ocean acidification is complete, the entire oceans will turn acidic, causing mass extinction.***
- ***About 7–8 billion years from now, if and after the Sun has become a red giant, the Earth will be engulfed by the expanding Sun and destroyed.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***A Police Officer jumps into his squad car and calls the Station.***
*"I have an interesting case here,"*
***he says:*** *"A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."*
*"Have you arrested her?"*
***asks the sergeant.***
*"No, not yet. The floor's still wet!"*

## Today's Currency Rate

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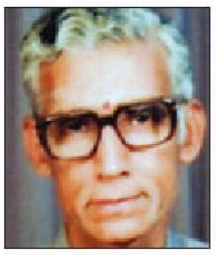
## VOICE OF THE READER

# Tribute to my Teacher

## Prof. S. Dandapani

Sir,

It is with great sorrow and pain I learnt about the demise of my teacher Prof. S. Dandapani in Bengaluru on Apr. 18. In the passing away of Dandapani, RIEM and the Mysuru city has lost one of the most popular teachers of Psychology.



*Prof. Dandapani*

Dr. Dandapani was born on 31st October 1931 in Tamil Nadu. With his sweet voice and towering personality, everyone used to appreciate his style of teaching. His teaching used to be sprinkled with lot of humour. He used to do his work in a highly systematic way. He used to teach how to work with interest and commitment. Students liked him because he cared for them a lot and solved their problems with ease and confidence. As a Psychology teacher he developed an ability to convince people on any matter and find solutions to their problems.

He was the first person to come to College and was indeed a teacher par excellence. There are four types of teachers — A poor teacher *tells;* an average teacher *explains;* A good teacher *demonstrates* and a great teacher *inspires.* Prof. Dandapani belonged to the fourth category, who used to inspire his students.

He retired from RIEM on 31st October 1991. Prof. Dandapani was a regular contributor to *Star of Mysore.* His writing skills were excellent. He has written a number of books on Psychology for the benefit of students.

Today I silently pay my homage to my Guru whose memories will always stay fresh in our minds. I salute him reciting the following Sanskrit verse:

*Guru Brahma; Guru Vishnu; Guru devo Maheshwara;*
*Guru Sakshat Parabrahma; Thasmai Sri Guruve Namaha.*

**—Dr.N.N.Prahallada,**
**Former Associate Professor in Education, RIE**
Mysuru
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# Free Seminar and Career

## Guidance workshop for SSLC and PU students tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 22- Learners PU College has organised a free seminar and career guidance workshop at Kalamandira on Sunday (Apr. 23) from 9.30am to 12.30pm for students who have completed SSLC and their parents. This seminar is also beneficial to current PU students.

With a variety of career options and institutions to choose from, this programme aims at providing right information and right guidance to take right decisions at right time by subject matter experts.

Interested students, parents and teachers may register their names by sending SMS on Mob:9916933202 or register online in the Learners website: *learners.co.in.* The first 150 registrations will be given a complimentary copy of *"A Career Hand Book,"* according to press release.

# Education loan for minorities

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (US)- Karnataka Minority Development Corporation has invited applications from minority community people to obtain education loan for higher studies.

Applications can be sent online by logging on to ***www.kmdc.kar.nic.in/arivu2***

The applicant should have an annual family income of less than Rs. 6 lakh and applications should be sent along with copies of Aadhaar Card, ID card, marks card, caste certificate and two photos.

For more details contact Office of the District Manager, Karnataka Minority Development Corporation, 446, 2nd Floor, Kempananjamba Agrahara, K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-8, Phone: 0821-2430080.


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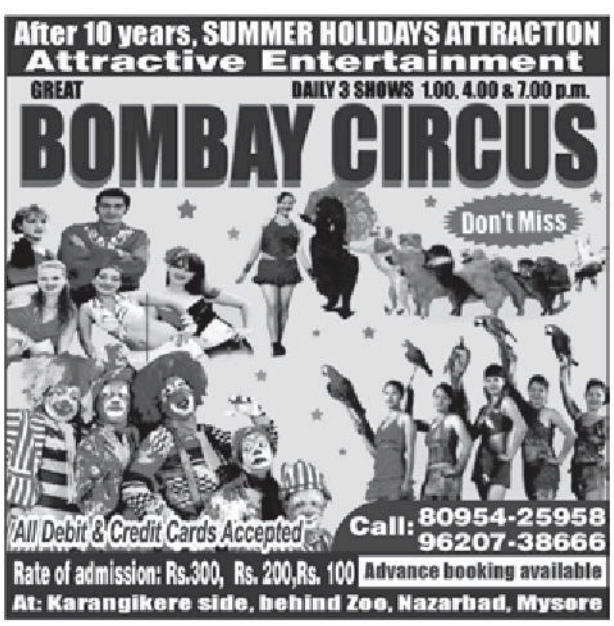

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Book expo

Marking World Book Day, book exhibition has been organised tomorrow at all the branches of City Central Library.

### District Monitoring Committee meeting

The Meeting of District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee, chaired by MP R. Dhruvanarayan, will be held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here on Apr. 24 at 10.30 am.

### Auction of scraps

Scrap items collected during the renovation of houses belonging to KARP Mounted Company Commandant wing will be disposed through tender-cum-public auction on April 24 at 11 am at the Commandant Office, according to a press release.

### Special Tour

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Mysuru, has organised summer special tours. Tourist spots include Mysuru city, Belur, Halebidu, Shravanabelagola, Ooty, Madikeri, Bhagamandala, Somanathapura, Talakadu, Nanjangud, Bandipur, Himavad Gopalaswamy Betta, etc. For details, call Ph: 0821-2423652.

### Border Area Dev. Chairman

Karnataka Border Area Development Chairman Baburao Chinchanasur will be touring the Mysuru district today and tomorrow. He will arrive at Mysuru at 2 pm, visit border areas of H.D. Kote and then stay overnight at Govt. Guest House in Mysuru. On Apr. 24 at 7 am, he will attend a health camp organised at Kombudikki village in Kollegal.

### Interview cancelled

The direct interview called for the recruitment of Data Entry Operator posts on contract basis, which was scheduled to be held on Apr. 26 at Health and Family Welfare Training Centre, stands cancelled, according to the Centre Principal. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2413896.

### HTV Driving Training

Tribal Development Project has invited applications from unemployed men and women from ST category to receive training in driving Heavy Transport Vehicle (HTV) and obtain a licence. Application can be obtained from Social Welfare Department or Taluk ST Welfare Officer and the filled-in forms should be submitted before May 25. For details, call: 2427140.

### Maharaja's Alumni

Maharaja's College Alumni Association has organised a inaugural programme of the Association at its premises on Apr. 25 (Monday) at 10.30 am.

## Political defections at Srirangapatna

# Who will be the next MLA?

## That's a Million Dollar Question Now

*Sachidananda* *Ramesh Babu* *Ravindra* *Nanjundegowda*

Mandya, Apr. 22 (NG&DM)- With still a year to go for the 2018 Assembly elections, aspiring candidates are making silent preparations to contest the poll.

Even as election fever seems to have gripped Srirangapatna, a full one year ahead, major political parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) have begun to look for winning candidates.

Induvalu S. Sachidananda, a staunch follower of actor and MLA Ambarish, sitting MLA Ramesh Babu Bandi Siddegowda, Ravindra Srikantaiah and KRRS leader K.S. Nanjundegowda are some of the names which are doing the rounds in the constituency.

Srirangapatna Constituency which has over 1.70 lakh voters, covers 5 hoblis — Kottathi (first and second circles), Arakere, Srirangapatna Kasaba, Belagola and K. Shettahalli.

The Congress and JD(S) which has a strong presence in the constituency, is looking for the right candidate who can bring victory to them. The KRRS and the BJP too have presence in some areas. Sitting MLA Ramesh Babu, who was elected on a JD(S) ticket in 2013, is all set to join the Congress. Ravindra Srikantaiah, who was considered as a staunch follower of S.M. Krishna is likely to follow the foot steps of his leader and join the BJP ahead

*Ambareesh Gowda* *Chandrashekar*

of the elections.

Ravindra has already quit the Congress in support of his leader S.M. Krishna. In case Ravindra opts to join the BJP then he may have to face opposition from his followers who have associated with him for long.

KRRS leader K.S. Nanjundegowda seems to have gained sympathy after losing successive elections. Meanwhile, Induvala Sachidananda is being wooed by both the Congress and JD(S). Sachidananda who has emerged as a youth leader in the constituency, is criss-crossing the constituency in a bid to keep in touch with the voters.

Sachidananda is hectically touring the constituency organising youth groups, women self help groups and associations and organisations. Sachidananda who has maintained good contact with top Congress leaders both at the State and National level, is said to be keen on joining the JD(S).

Sachi, as he is popularly known, is also said to have good contact with JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and State JD(S) Chief H.D. Kumaraswamy. However, with leaders trying to defect to other parties in search of a better political future, a clear picture can emerge only after 3-4 months and the picture will be all the more clear once the poll schedule is announced for May 2018 elections.

Even as MLA Ramesh Babu seems to be walking away from the JD(S) from which he was elected in the 2013 Assembly polls, the JD(S) camp is filled with many aspirants, with the latest addition being Palahalli Chandrashekar.

M. Bhaskar (Ambareesh Gowda), who has been associated with the Congress for the past few years, is a strong contender for the party ticket. M. Bhaskar, who is said to be close to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, is pulling out all shops to get the party ticket for the 2018 Assembly polls.

Bhaskar, who was earlier associated with the Janata Parivar before joining the Congress, is also said to be in touch with JD(S) leaders.

Palahalli Ramakrishna, who quit the Congress in support of S.M. Krishna, too has eyed the JD(S) ticket and is seeking the support of Mandya MP C.S. Puttaraju. In all, the political scenario in Srirangapatna seems to be confusing, as there is a long que of leaders and ticket aspirants to contest the Assembly poll and a clear picture will emerge only after 3 or 4 months.

# CM bats for unity of secular forces

Bengaluru, Apr.22 (KMS&DM)- Stressing on the need for all secular forces to put up an united front against the BJP, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah declared that he would expand his Cabinet soon.

Speaking to press persons after oath taking ceremony of newly-elected MLAs Kalale Keshavamurthy and Dr. Geetha Mahadeva Prasad at Vidhana Soudha here yesterday, Siddharamaiah said that AICC President Sonia Gandhi has taken the initiative for uniting secular forces to take on BJP.

Emphasising on the need for unity of secular forces in the State too, the CM said that he would be leaving for Delhi on Saturday to take part in the NITI Ayog meeting called on Sunday. During his visit to Delhi, he will meet the Congress top brass and discuss filling up of two vacant Cabinet berths. Continuing, he said that he would also take up nominations to the Legislative Council with the party High Command.

Thanking JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda for enabling the Congress to win Gundlupet and Nanjangud by-polls, the CM said that he would personally meet H.D. Deve Gowda to thank him for his support.

Terming the BJP as communal and divisive, Siddharamaiah reiterated that all secular forces and political parties should come together to stop the BJP's march.

## Kattappa's controversial statement

# Vatal Nagaraj, pro-Kannada organisations withdraw protests

Bengaluru, Apr. 22- **Sathyaraj,**

the actor, who has portrayed the role of Kattappa in *Bahubali*, has finally apologised to Kannadigas for a statement he had made nine years ago on the Cauvery water dispute which had created controversy.

Following Sathyaraj's apology, pro-Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj and other pro-Kannada organisations, today withdrew their protests.

Kannadigas were outraged by the comments of actor Sathyaraj, who has portrayed the role of Kattappa in Tamil movie *Bahubali*. He had commented in 2008, during the Kaveri agitation. The speech which surfaced online, created a whole new controversy that *Bahubali* Director Rajamouli had to apologise and request Kannadigas to let his film release in Karnataka. The activists had also threatened Bengaluru bandh on April 28 as a mark of protest.

Kannada activist and former MLA Vatal Nagaraj, and dozens of like-minded organisations staged a protest in city and issued a statement saying allowing *Bahubali-2* to be released in Karnataka without a public apology from Sathyaraj would be a big blow to the self respect of Kannadigas. Some activists staged a demonstration outside the Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce demanding a ban on all Tamil films.

# Home delivery of fuel

New Delhi, Apr. 22 - In a bid to put an end to long queues at fuel stations, the Petroleum Ministry has announced that they are exploring means to home deliver petroleum products on advance booking so that vehicle-owners do not have to waste time in queues at fuel stations.

Sources said that Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan presented the idea at a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament in Srinagar yesterday.

According to the plan, consumers can book fuel online, which will be delivered directly to their houses by the Oil Marketing Companies such as Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum and Bharat Petroleum.

# Woman cheats SHG members by promising loans

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (YDS&KS)- Nazarbad Police have registered a case against a woman for allegedly cheating the members of a Self Help Group (SHG) by collecting blank cheques from them, procuring a loan of Rs. 6.60 lakh from a bank and not distributing the same to the members. The woman who has cheated the members of SHG has been identified as Sumathi.

It is reported that Tara, Revathi, Malathi and Vijayalakshmi had opened 'Ahahlyadevi, Betaleshwari and Suvarna Self Help Groups' and were operating in the house of one Bharathi, a member of one of the SHGs in Raghavendranagar.

There were 15 members in the group and each member was depositing Rs. 200 for six months to the group and the deposited amount was being taken by Sumathi and was credited to a SB Account in a bank. After six months, Sumathi reportedly told Revathi, Vijayalakshmi and Malathi that she would get loans for the SHGs from State Bank of Mysore, Corporation Bank and Vijaya Bank (Siddarthanagar branches) and collected applications including signed cheques from them.

As nothing was heard from Sumathi even after a year, the members approached one of the banks which was mentioned by Sumathi and learnt that Sumathi had already procured a loan of Rs. 6.60 lakh in 2014, but had not distributed the loan amount to the groups, thus cheating them.

The members came to know that Sumathi had not cleared the loan after the bank issued a notice to clear the same. The members, who came to know that they were cheated, later lodged a complaint at Nazarbad Police Station seeking action against Sumathi.

# Burglars break into house, decamp with gold jewellery, cash and other valuables

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (YDS&KS)-An incident of burglars breaking into a house and decamping with cash, gold jewellery and other valuables has been reported from Rajeev Nagar in city.

It is reported that the theft took place in the house of one Mohammed Zabiulla, residing on Abdul Rehaman Street in Rajivnagar, who had gone to visit his relative house along with his family on Apr. 14, after locking the house.

The incident of the theft came to light when Zabiulla returned home on Apr. 18 and found the front door open. When he entered the house and inspected, he found 139 grams gold jewellery, camera, watch, tab and Rs. 5,000 kept in the almirah were missing.

A case has been registered at Udayagiri Police Station in this regard.

# Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (KS)- Lashkar Police and Railway Police have found two unidentified bodies in city at different locations.

Lashkar Police during their patrolling on Apr.18 have found a body of an unidentified person near SRS Travels at Gandhi Square in city.

The unidentified person, who is said to be about 80 years of age, is lean built, 5.5 ft. tall, round faced, has a mole on his left hand, has a scar of an old wound on his right leg and was wearing a green colour shirt and grey colour pant when found.

The kith and kin of the deceased unidentified person may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418117/ 307 or contact the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339 or 2418340.

The Railway Police on Apr. 20, have found a body of an unidentified person aged about 60 years in Mysuru Railway Station premises.

The unidentified person is 5.5 ft. tall, oily-red complexioned, lean built, oval faced, has the alphabets MV tattooed, mark of God Anjaneya and has Hindi alphabets on his left hand and was found wearing a white dhoti, white, red and blue stripped T-shirt.

The Railway Police, who have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, have asked the kith and kin of the deceased to contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

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KUKKARAHALLI LAKE DEVELOPMENT

# Expert Panel recommends against de-silting works

## Top priority should be to ensure the Lake is filled with clean water, says two-member Committee

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BCT) - The two-member Expert Committee appointed by Karnataka Lake Development Authority has recommended that development works including de-silting initiated by the University of Mysore must not be taken up at the iconic Kukkarahalli Lake.

In a report submitted to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, the Committee recommended against dredging of the water body, an important bird and biodiversity area, as it would cause irreparable damage to the Lake. The recommendations come as a major relief to environmentalists and green groups who were against any sort of development at the Lake and had carried out a series of campaigns.

The Committee comprised retired Professor Ramprasad from the Indian Institute of Science and retired Chief Engineer C.N. Babu. The team had recently collected public opinions on pro and anti-development of the Lake and its environmental impact. Based on the recommendations, the Lake Committee, headed by the Deputy Commissioner will meet soon to decide on future plans.

The Committee has called for a new Detailed Project Report (DPR) only to divert the existing inlets to fill the Lake with clean water. The dredging and de-silting works should not happen now, the Committee said. "Once water with less turbidity and enough dissolved oxygen is filled, the oxygen and sunlight may gradually breakdown the toxic silt deposited on the Lake bed and removal of silt would not be necessary," the Committee stated.

*A file photo of the two-member Expert Committee inspecting Kukkarahalli Lake along with environmental activists.*

The report said "top priority should be to ensure that the Lake is filled with clean water." It noted that out of the seven inlets to the Lake, only one was major one but it brought sewage into the Lake.

Airing their views, environment activists had argued that dredging during peak summer would dry up the Lake killing many species of plants, animals and birds that depend on the Lake ecosystem.

Listing out the development plans initiated by the University of Mysore, the Expert Committee said that works like providing an e-water harmoniser system, diffused aerator system, construction of boating jetty, providing orchidarium, butterfly park, bamboo park, aquarium and adventure park must be stopped. It has only recommended the authorities to carry out works like fixing signboards, tree identification boards with scientific information, dustbins and ticket booth.

"Orchidarium, butterfly park, bamboo park, aquarium and adventure park needs wider consultation with University researchers, subject experts and the public after which a DPR has to be prepared and submitted to Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority," the report stated. Fixing signboards and tree identification boards must also be carried out in an unobtrusive manner, the experts added.

On the need of a new DPR, the Expert Committee noted that the DPR that was prepared in 2012 did not include any measure to improve the quality of the Lake but contained estimates for fencing, providing a walking path, improvement of the feeder channel, the creation of botanical gardens, etc.

"Though five years had passed, sewage and effluents continue to flow into the Lake. Instead of establishing a treatment plant, the authorities took up dredging works at a cost of Rs. 65 lakh without clearance from the Lake Development Authority," the experts stated.

**HEBBAL LAKE**

The report also called upon the authorities to formalise an arrangement with Infosys Foundation, which has agreed to fund the treatment of Hebbal Lake and ensure that about 5 MLD of treated water is diverted to Kukkarahalli Lake.

"The authorities should interact with Infosys Foundation and formalise the project of pumping treated water from the Hebbal Lake to Kukkarahalli Lake. Pump house design and the machinery and pipeline parameters should be decided jointly so that filling of one Lake does not affect filling of the other. Authorities should finalise a schedule on draining and filling up the Lake in consultation with environmentalists and ornithologists," said the report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Mysore University and the District Administration had jointly planned to implement a Rs. 3 crore project for de-silting, constructing toilets, boating jetty, entry arches and shelters on the tank bund.

Following agitation by environmentalists and other organisations over the development, the Expert Panel was formed to assess the situation and submit a report.

Responding to the protests, DC Randeep had written to the Lake Development Authority to depute two experts to study Lake conservation. The Varsity was asked to suspend de-silting work until the report is submitted.

# Mysore Airport selected for first phase of UDAN bidding

Bengaluru, Apr. 22 - Three airports in Karnataka — Mysore, Bidar and Vidyanagar (Ballari) — have been selected in the first phase of bidding for the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), known as **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik).**

Under RCS, the Central government has identified 19 airports in the State for development and upgradation. While air connectivity to Vidyanagar airport will commence next month, in Mysuru and Bidar it will be from September. The all-inclusive airfare under RCS is Rs. 2,500 and the airfare cap will be indexed to inflation and revised quarterly.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Karnataka government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Apr. 20 to develop these airports with features that include helping the common man fly at affordable rates, promoting tourism and encouraging regional growth.

The MoU was inked by Karnataka Chief Secretary Subhash Chandra Khuntia and Civil Aviation Joint Secretary R.N. Choubey in the presence of Industries Minister R.V. Deshpande. According to the agreement, the Union and State governments bear the cost of viability gap funding in the ratio of 80:20. The State government will provide concessions to airlines operating under the RCS routes.

The locations proposed for the RCS scheme are Chikkamagaluru, Kushalnagar, Karwar, Harihar, Ammasandra (Tumakuru district), Ballari, Koppal, Bengaluru, Vidyanagar (Toranagal), Bidar, Ginigera, Hassan, Jakkur, Kolar, Mysuru, Raichur, Shahabad, Yadgir and Yelahanka.

The State government has also proposed to provide rail or Metro connectivity to RCS airports in coordination with the Centre. Choubey said Bidar and Vidyanagar airports would provide connectivity to Bengaluru (Kempegowda International Airport) while the Mysore Airport would link Chennai. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially launch the scheme across the country from Shimla Airport on April 27.**

# Let Modi die if he wants power, says Rayareddy

## MP Pratap Simha terms Higher Education Minister's statement shocking

Rayareddy Narendra Modi Pratap Simha

Koppal, Apr. 22- "Let (Prime Minister) Modi die if he wants power," said Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy. The Minister said this when he was asked about the Centre's move to remove red beacons from all government vehicles.

"I welcome the measure and I also suggest that my security cover too be withdrawn. But Modi too should get rid of his security cover," Rayareddy told reporters in Koppal yesterday.

When reminded that Modi was facing threat to his life, Rayareddy replied: "Let him die." He immediately clarified that he did not mean Modi. Later, the Minister said people in power should desist from having a thick security blanket around them. He also said that "one should be willing to die if they want to remain in power" and "if you don't want power then quit and sit at home."

The Minister said that he does not fear for his life and would go to the extent of refusing even government vehicle. "I am prepared to walk. If necessary, I will travel in my own car. If someone wants to kill me, let it be so. I will not even draw salary," Rayareddy said.

**Pratap Simha reacts:** Reacting strongly to Rayareddy's comments, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said he was shocked by the Minister's statement on PM Modi. "We have never seen the Chief Minister speaking respectfully about people who hold high positions. The same audacious behaviour is followed by his Cabinet colleagues too," he said citing a Kannada anecdote that says the elder sister is followed by the entire family members.

"Siddharamaiah, after winning Gundlupet and Nanjangud by-elections is speaking about maturity. I want to ask the CM was it a mature move when he abused the SP publicly. It is natural for a person to acquire wisdom when he gets older. Unfortunately that has not happened with Siddharamaiah and his Cabinet colleagues," he said.

## Training in *dolu*

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (US)-The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from students of Savita Samaja to undergo training in traditional art of *dolu* and *nadaswara* for a period of four years at Devanahalli in Bengaluru rural district. The students should be in the age group of 10 to 15 years. They will be provided a monthly stipend of Rs. 500 along with food and accommodation.

Applications can be obtained from the Department office in Jayanagar here and submitted before May 16. For details call 0821-2342917.

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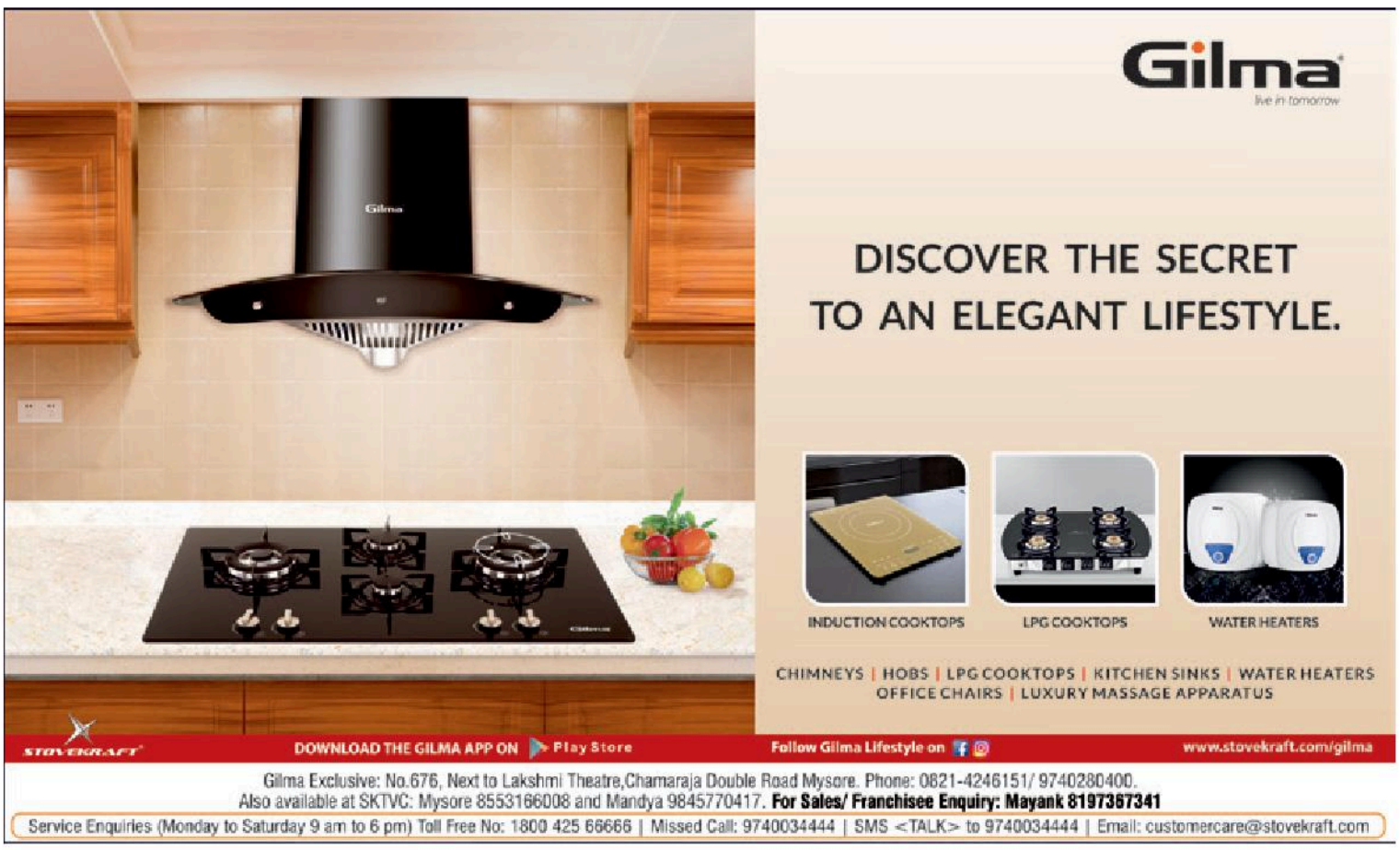
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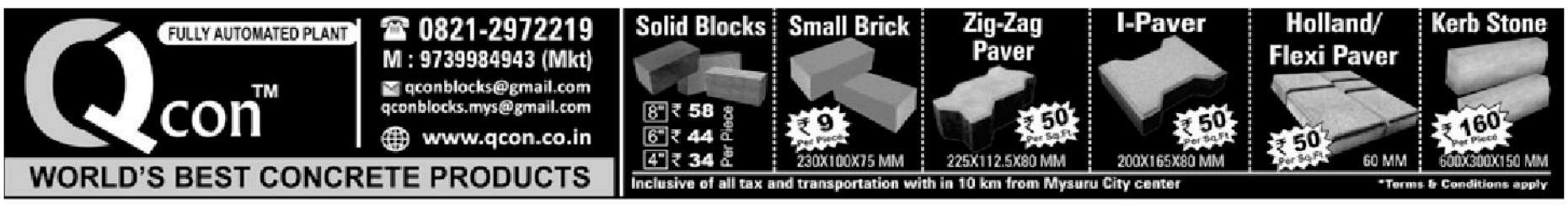



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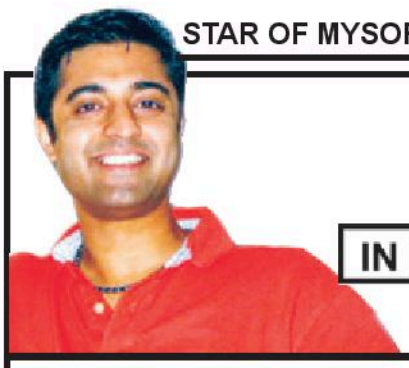


IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

# We're even giving God a headache!

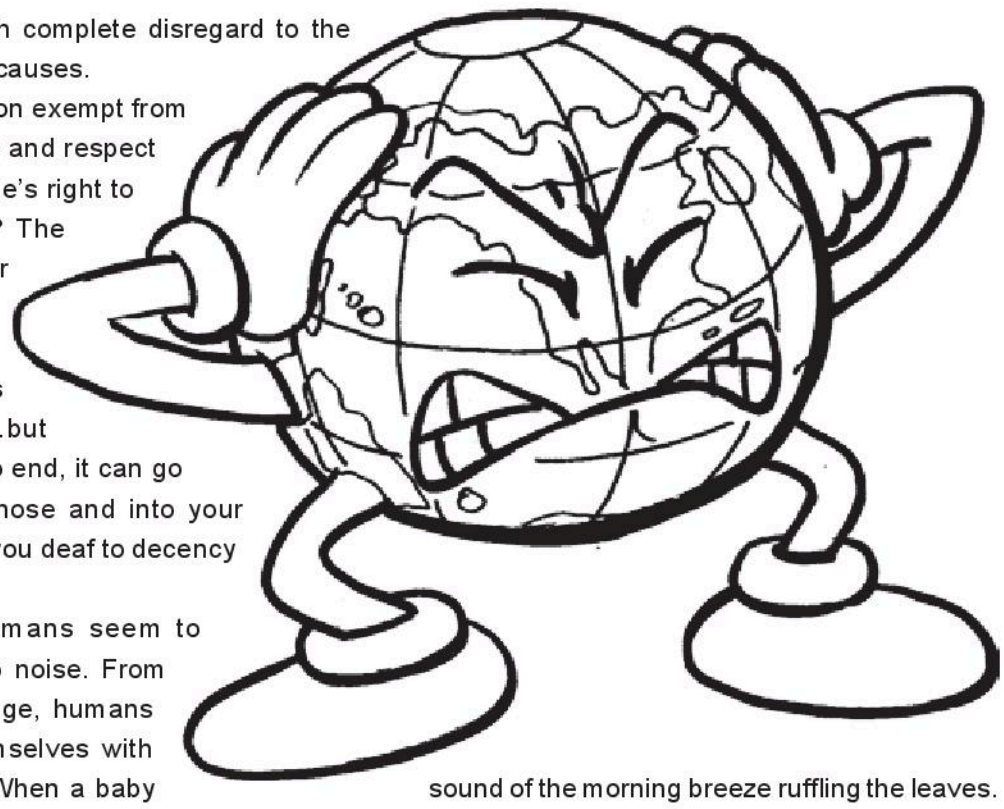
Sonu Nigam wrote that *azan*, the call to prayer for Muslims early in the morning, was disturbing him. And lo and behold, all kinds of noise pollution erupted; from self-proclaimed God's special children, the priests, to opportunistic publicity-seekers.

While Sonu Nigam may not have lost his voice, he sure lost his cool and with that lost his hair too...and all because some head priest of a little known mosque announced a Rs. 10 lakh '*supari*' for his hair... and thank God for it, because Sonu Nigam really needed a haircut.

Now, everyone rightly got upset with this '*hair supari*' priest. But no one spoke about how this priest was not alone in his call for the most expensive and illegal hair styling job in the nation. He was accompanied by four priests from four other faiths... Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Christianity. And they were at the same press conference on stage when the ransom for Sonu Nigam's hair was announced! Wah! When religion is threatened, all religious heads come together and become a united force...like coalition politics.

Where is this camaraderie among priests of different faiths when people have to be brought together? There is none because as long as people of different faiths are fighting, these people will remain in business. But if people come together and conclude that certain practices are disturbing the larger population and their fellow men, these religious heads feel threatened?! Yes, our religious leaders are threatened by the ban on loud-speakers because loud-speakers are a communal currency to be used when mischief is to be made.

It makes one wonder, what is it with religion and noise? Almost all religions have some form of noise in rituals or expression of devotion. Songs, of course, are not noise but there are bells, chest-beating, beating of gongs, shrill readings of holy books, screaming of God's name aggressively, playing loud jarring holy music etc. And all this at odd hours of the day with complete disregard to the disturbance it causes.



Why is religion exempt from logic, rationale and respect for other people's right to live in peace? The law says your right ends where the other person's nose begins...but religion has no end, it can go beyond your nose and into your ears and turn you deaf to decency and logic.

Also we humans seem to be addicted to noise. From a very early age, humans surround themselves with noisy things. When a baby is born, the first thing that it gets is a big noisy bell on top of its cradle. Even mothers who play with their new-borns generate incoherent vocal modulations. Animals on the other hand never behave like this. They are calm and composed and don't need animated vocal assurances of affection and loyalty. We never see a tigress roar every time she licks her cubs or an elephant trumpeting every time she caresses her calf.

It's just us humans who give our kids an early start in senseless vocal modulation. We even use it to induce muscle bladder-action, remember that low-toned hissing noise that parents make like perturbed snakes, "Sssss..... Sssssss" to get their children to urinate? May be the child finds this noise irritating and may be the baby urinates just so you will stop?

As we get older, we get noisier and we use even noisier gadgets. In fact, our day begins with noise and ends with it. We wake up to the noise of an alarm and go to sleep to the sound of the television. Even walkers on Chamundi Hill play songs loudly on their phones instead of enjoying the songs of the birds and the soothing sound of the morning breeze ruffling the leaves.

We humans have come to a point where we have become noise addicts, or may be we fear silence. Guess, now we suffer from sedatephobia, the fear of silence, because silence forces one to reflect and people find it hard to face up to the truth that simmers up during introspection.

For now, why does religion need audio amplifiers in public? Religion is supposed to be about self-discovery, introspection and positive change, things that usually happen in the presence of silence or a soothing ambience. It makes us wonder if any God really cares how loud we play songs in their praise? We are probably giving even God a headache, along with the rest of the population who may be in the hospital, classroom or at work.

Probably, if we all prayed and introspected in silence, we would find God and become more considerate human beings instead of blaring his praises on a loud-speaker. Loud-speakers will not help you attain *Moksha, Jannat* nor beam you up to *Heaven*. So let's have some silence please and lots of introspection.

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# A new-look Nisargadhama

Kaveri Nisargadhama, a beautiful 64-acre island near Kushalnagar on the Mysuru-Madikeri Highway, has been renovated and beautified by the Forest Department. The nature park, surrounded by River Cauvery, is an ideal weekend getaway for those who yearn to be amidst nature, far from the madding crowd. This *Weekend Star Supplement* presents an overview of Nisargadhama, its environs and lists out activities that await a visitor.

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# Kaveri Nisargadhama beckons weekend visitors

By Raghu Hebbale

**For those who wish to escape from the mundane and hustle and bustle of city life, Kaveri Nisargadhama (also called Cauvery Nisargadhama) is an ideal destination. Apart from being in the must-visit list of almost all tourists heading to Kodagu, the journey to Nisargadhama is pretty enjoyable as one encounters lush greenery and agricultural farms. And mind you, you can have the best time and that too with a light wallet.**

**With temperatures soaring and humidity increasing, now is the best time to visit Kaveri Nisargadhama to experience a cool and uncorrupted environs. Moreover, the forest department has given the tourist destination a complete makeover and added a couple of attractions. It has refurbished the main entrance and has given an opportunity for tourists to learn about local culture. The Nisargadhama now has a modern touch with good tourist facilities and refurbished cottages.**

**Nisargadhama is a breath-taking and beautiful island off the State highway, two kilometres from Kushalnagar town. It is 28 km from Madikeri and 95 km from Mysuru. The 64-acre island, surrounded by the Cauvery River, can be accessed by walking across a hanging bridge.**

## ATTRACTIONS

Established in 1989, the picturesque picnic spot with lush foliage of thick bamboo growth, sandalwood and teak trees has lovely river-side cottages. A deluxe cottage on stilts with the Cauvery flowing around can accommodate five persons.

There is a deer park, children's park and orchidarium in the resort. Medicinal plants are also grown here and tourists are allowed to get into water at a few shallow and safe points along the river. However, swimming is banned during rains as the water will be in full force. There are deer, rabbits, peacocks, and a children's playground. Elephant rides and boating are some of the other attractions. It also has a forest department-run guest house and treetop bamboo cottages.

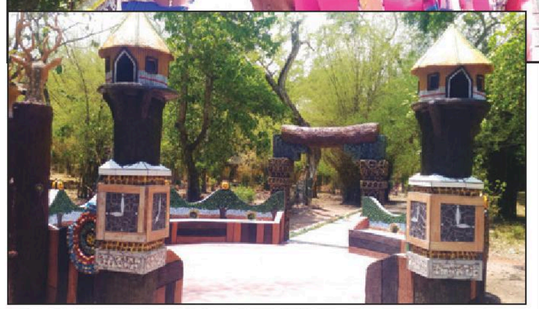
The tourist spot has numerous teak wood and sandalwood trees, small waterfalls, green mounds that have steps for a visitor to climb and sit on stone benches.

Nisargadhama is maintained by the Forest Department and the refurbishing works have been taken up after more than two decades at a cost of Rs. 1.22 crore. During renovation, care has been taken to ensure that the place is made further attractive for tourists so that they can spend some quality time.

## NATURAL ISLAND

Nisargadhama has been formed on a natural island where river Cauvery flows. The area is located at Bollur Village under Guddehosur Gram Panchayat. As it is an island, the Forest Department connected it with a 90-metre hanging bridge. It constructed another hanging bridge next to the old one in 1995 and was inaugurated by the then Forest Minister H.Y. Meti.

The department officials then constructed cottages, treetop bamboo accommodation, children's play park and also grew bamboo plantations to give that special feeling of being amidst nature to the tourists. Nisargadhama is actually a bamboo forest surrounded by River Cauvery.

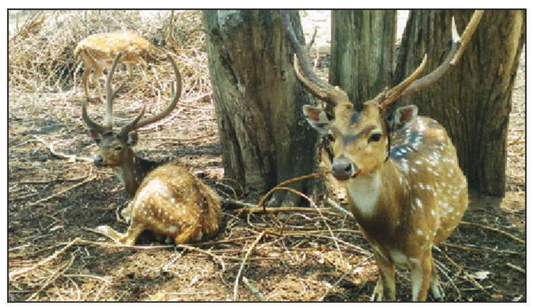


*The open spaces and entrances that have been beautified artistically are bound to attract visitors.*

*Workers lay stone slabs on a tourist walkway.*

*After a long walk amidst bamboo grove, time for some selfies.*

*Aesthetic structures at the base of a tree.*



*Deer Park at Nisargadhama is a great hit among tourists.*

## HANGING BRIDGE

The hanging bridge has been renovated, repainted with loose ends fixed to enhance its strength. Bridge Man Girish Bharadwaj, who has built hundreds of low-cost suspension bridges across India in remote and inaccessible areas enabling people to cross over from one side to other, led the renovation of Nisargadhama hanging bridge and the works were entrusted to Manjunath Engineering Works of Sullia. It may be worthy to mention here that Girish Bharadwaj received the Padmashree this year.

As part of the renovation works, old and outgrown bamboos have been removed to restore the greenery and new bamboo shoots have also been planted. "The idea is to make the Nisargadhama green (true to its name) to attract more and more visitors. The place now receives tourists from far and wide who have made it a point to include this place in their itinerary," said Kushalnagar Range Forest Officer Nehru.

## TRADITIONAL TOUCH

The development and renovation works taken up at Nisargadhama include entrance gate, boundary walls, beautifying of the park with artistic structures that enhances the aesthetic appeal of the gardens and open spaces. As part of its efforts to inform tourists about local culture of Kodagu, Kodava art forms like '*Ummathat*' and '*Pareyakali*' have been represented. Life-size statues of traditionally dressed men performing '*Pareyakali*' and colourfully dressed women performing '*Ummathat*' have been erected in an open area.

A special *mantap* has been erected on the way to Deer Park. Two new bamboo cottages and a dining hall have been constructed and a road with green grass has been laid. To ensure that grass across the park remains green throughout the year, special water pipes have been laid with sprinkler system to spray water.

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***Life-size sculptures of Kodava women performing traditional dance*** *Ummathat (pic. above)* ***and Kodava men performing*** *Pareyakali (pic below)* ***are some of the new additions.***

# Other tourist spots near Nisargadhama

## HARANGI DAM

At a distance of 34 km from Madikeri and 10 km from Kushalnagar, Harangi Dam is built across Harangi, a small stream and a tributary of River Cauvery at Hadgur village. River Harangi originates in the Pushpagiri Hills of Western Ghats. The dam is 846 meters long with a height of 47 meters and it attracts a large crowd during the monsoon season when the gates are opened and the water is released. It is one of the popular sightseeing places in Kodagu. The backwaters are spread across several acres with small islands in the middle and thick forest on the banks.

## BYLAKUPPE TIBETAN SETTLEMENT

One of the largest settlements of Tibetans in India located just 3 km from Kushalnagar. This was the first such refugee settlement established way back in 1961. Situated 90 km from Mysuru, Bylakuppe comprises two Tibetan refugee settlements that were setup in 1961 and 1969 respectively and has now grown into a full-fledged town housing the largest Tibetan population outside of Dharamsala in India. The most famous monastery in the region is **Namdroling** *(in pic)*, located in Camp 4 of the settlement. Being the most popular, it plays host to many tourists from all over the world.

## After Nisargadhama trip, enter the world of elephants at Dubare

Dubare is a reserve forest and an elephant training camp located about 15 km from Kushalnagar town. Dubare Elephant Camp is a project maintained by Forest Department and Jungle Lodges and Resorts. The camp is situated on the edge of Dubare forest and houses an incredible number of trained and well-behaved elephants.

A trained naturalist is at hand to explain the various aspects of elephant history, ecology and biology. The visitor can not only observe and learn but also participate in various activities involving elephants. Some of the elephants for the famous Mysuru Dasara are trained here.

In Karnataka, the Forest Department has about 200 elephants at various camps and Dubare has been historically an important camp. The department spends a lot of money to capture wild elephants, bring them to camps like Dubare and maintain the mahouts, their assistants (*kavadis*) and their families.

At Dubare, the department aims to provide tourists with 'an intimate experience with elephants'. It is the best place to get to know these giants. With a host of activities at the camp, tourists can leave with a sense of responsibility to do their bit towards protecting elephants.

Tourists are taken through the complexities of elephant lives. They get to observe elephant routine and at the same time understand their behaviour, their life in the forest and how they are trained to perform various tasks. **In a nutshell, a tourist can see how a wild elephant is captured to be trained to capture other wild elephants!**

They can watch elephant grooming sessions – when the gentle giants are given a scrub-bath in the river, with rituals like oil being applied to their forehead and tusks. Once they are bathed, tourists can learn how elephant food is prepared and how they are fed. Mahouts will also demonstrate how elephants obey commands. Visitors can learn about the lives of mahouts, kavadis and their families whose lives revolve around elephants.

The moist deciduous forests of Dubare are home to many wild animals and birds. Sightings of wild Asiatic elephants are regular and so are spotting the sambhar, the spotted deer, tigers, leopards, wild dogs, and gaur. Bears are also seen in these forests and crocodiles can be seen in the river. The forests are also home to many reptiles and venomous snakes including the legendary King Cobra.

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## BOAT RIDE/ ELEPHANT SAFARI

As a tourist enters Nisargadhama, the very first eye-catching thing he/ she observes is the boat ride in the river. The boat rides are so popular that one needs to wait for quite some time for his/ her chance to come. And it is worse during weekends where there will be a big queue.

Next are some caged animals like deer and rabbits and tourists are allowed to purchase cucumbers and carrots to feed them. The other popular activity inside the Nisargadhama is elephant ride that takes a tourist around the area for a nominal price. There is also a shallow stream where children can play and elders can relax amidst greenery and amidst the rustling sound that comes out of the bamboo growth.

## HOW TO REACH NISARGADHAMA

Nisargadhama, an awe-inspiring and a beautiful island, is 2 km from Kushalnagar situated on the Mysore-Madikeri Highway towards Madikeri. It is 28 km from Madikeri and 95 km from Mysuru.

## ABOUT THE PLACE

This is a bio-sphere reserve nestled in the Western Ghats of Karnataka and is surrounded by River Cauvery. It hosts a diverse variety of trees and shrubs, and animal life.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO AT KAVERI NISARGADHAMA

- **Elephant safari**
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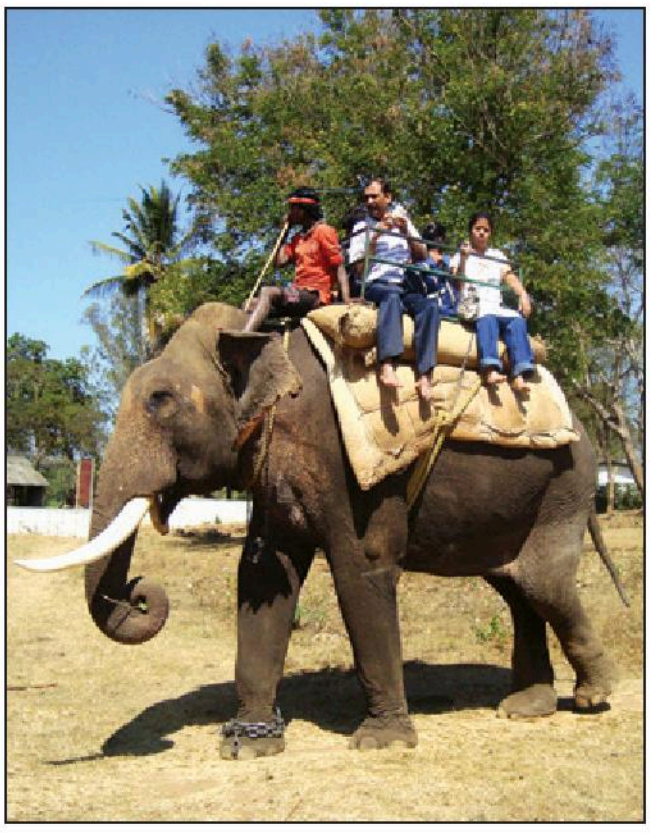

# Photo Expos mark World Earth Day

*Renowned wildlife photographer Senani is seen inaugurating the wildlife photography expo at Maharaja's College here this morning as wildlife photographer Krupakar, College Principal Prof. C.P. Sunitha, photographer Lokesh Mosale and others look on. Picture right shows dignitaries taking a look at the painting expo, which was inaugurated by artist Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle at Mysuru Art Gallery here this morning to mark Earth Day. Others seen are Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Sculptor L. Shivalingappa and Agri Scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura.*

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (US&SP) - As part of World Earth Day, a day-long exhibition of photographs of wildlife and natural landscapes captured through the lens of wildlife photographer Lokesh Mosale was held at Maharaja's College premises here.

The expo featured about 50 photos of elephants, leopards, tigers, crocodiles and rare birds all in their natural habitats exhibiting their unique behaviour. Beautiful landscapes too appeared among the collection.

Inaugurating the expo, renowned wildlife photographers Krupakar-Senani pointed out that Earth Day should not be observed symbolically but more meaningfully by focussing on ways and means to put an end to global exploitation of earth and nature.

Maharaja's College Principal Prof. C.P. Sunitha, Administrative Officer Prof. Limbya Nayak, College Faculty and Lokesh Mosale were present.

**At RMNH**

Observing that teachers play a crucial role in educating young minds on earth conservation, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) head Dr. G.N. Indiresh has called upon the teachers to sensitise the children on the importance of nature conservation, apart from teaching academics.

He was speaking at the 'World Earth Day' programme organised at RMNH in Siddarthanagar here this morning.

Expressing concern over the destruction of forests, Indiresh said the reduction in green cover has been causing severe imbalance that has resulted in the earth getting hotter by the day.

Pointing out that human greed has been a major factor in dwindling forest cover across the globe, he said devastation of greenery would be suicidal for humanity.

Dr. C. Govindaraju, Senior Farming Superintendent, Organic Farming Research Station, Naganahalli, who was the chief guest, said the increasing use of chemical fertilisers has made the earth infertile.

Pointing out that the 1965 Green Revolution was aimed at revolutionising agricultural practices in the country, he stressed on the need for adopting organic farming as this would largely help in maintaining soil fertility.

Explaining the significance of Earth Day, he called for appropriate measures for maintaining ecological balance and thus save the earth from destruction.

Dr. Govindaraju released post card and stickers, carrying messages on earth conservation, to be distributed among school children and others. DIET faculty Swamy, Purushotham, Hari Prasad and others were present.

# Cash crunch hits city: ATMs go dry

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Meanwhile, Lead Bank Manager K. Shivalingaiah, speaking to *SOM*, confirmed the cash crunch and ATMs running out of cash. He said that due to insufficient supply, there is shortage of cash in ATMs, which is leading to ATMs running out cash very soon and added that he has spoken to Controlling Officers of all banks, who told him that they have issued indent for cash.

Stating that the problem of cash crunch would be solved in 3-4 days, Shivalingaiah said that he was in constant touch with higher officials to solve the issue at the earliest.

Sources said that there are about 733 ATMs in Mysuru district and 527 ATMs in the city, which is usually loaded with about Rs. 20 lakh in Rs. 2,000, Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 denominations daily to cater to the cash needs of the people. Since there is a decline in currency supply from the RBI in Bengaluru, the ATMs were fast running out of cash. The RBI in Bengaluru supplies cash which is routed to the currency chests of the major banks in the district.

There are 13 currency chests belonging to various banks, out of which eight chests belong to the State Bank of India and the remittance to each currency chest is not only based on the usage but also cash availability, sources added.

# Pollution Control team visits spot

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"The samples will be tested for various emissions including carbon monoxide, sulphur and methane. We will also examine if there is a presence of organic and inorganic waste at the site," Lakshman added.

He said that the type of waste dumped at the site will have to be analysed. "Once we establish the type of the waste, we will compare it with the effluents released by industries around the area. Stringent action will be taken against those who have been dumping untreated waste. Action will also be taken against officers who have permitted industries to dump waste," the said KSPCB chief said.

*KSPCB Chairman Lakshman addressing media.*

**'WE HAVE NOT GOT COMPENSATION'**

Meanwhile, Murthy, the father of Harshal has alleged that though District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had announced that Rs. 2 lakh would be given as compensation, the family was yet to get money.

Speaking to Pollution Control Board officials, Murthy said that except for the money (Rs. 1 lakh) given by BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, he has not got any other money. "My son, who came to play here with his friends, paid with his life for the mistake of polluting industries. The entire area must be cleaned so that such incidents do not occur in the future," he said.


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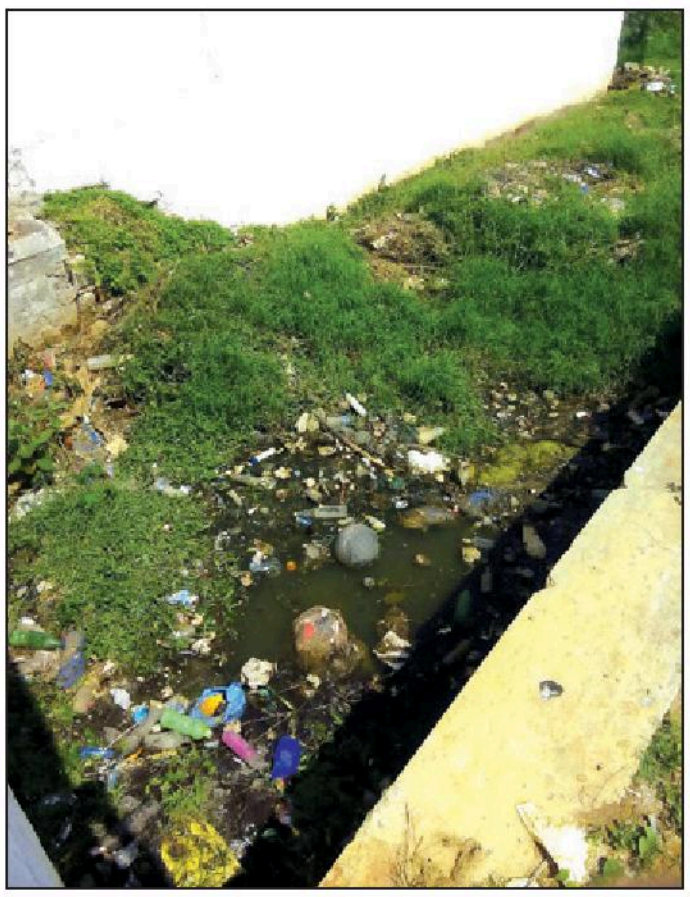
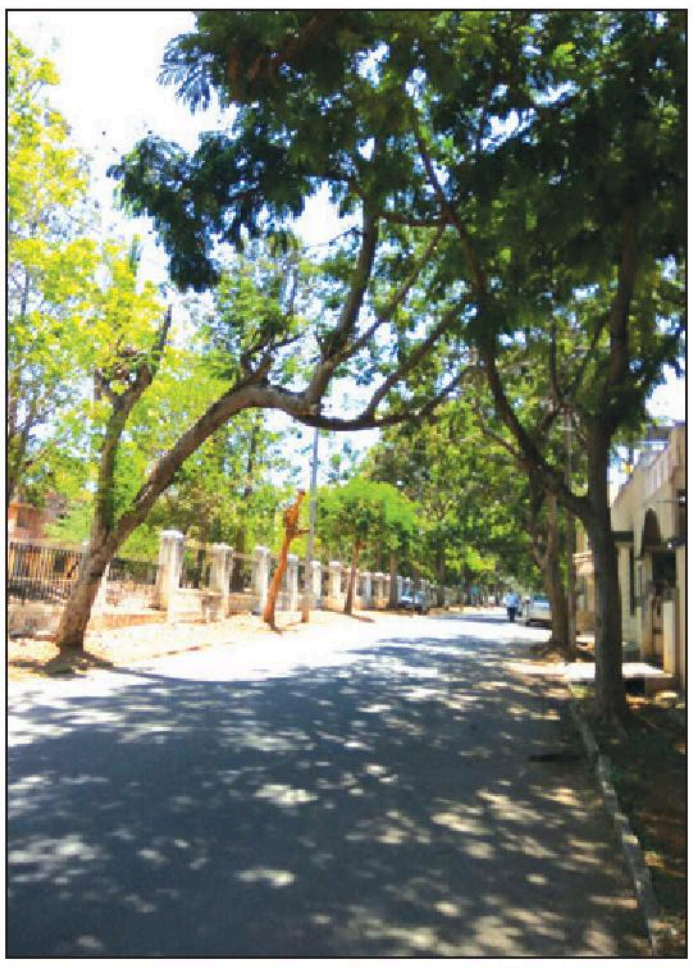
## Stinking storm water drain at Vijayanagar



*Foul smell is emanating from a storm water drain near the Government Women's College, MRR Royal Locality in Vijayanagar causing inconvenience to the residents of the locality. With water becoming stagnant, the place has become a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed besides the possibilities of diseases like chikungunya and dengue being spread. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to clear the place and prevent the outbreak of diseases.*

## Tree posing danger at Krishnamurthypuram



*This is an old tree on the 7th Cross in Krishnamurthypuram. With heavy rains, accompanied with gusty wind in city, this tree may fall anytime resulting even in human fatalities. Authorities concerned are urged to take immediate measures.*

# Tribal Development Council to oversee implementation of Welfare Schemes

*Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) Director Prof. T.T. Basavanagouda is seen interacting with the tribal leaders at ATI premises in city yesterday.*

Mysuru, Apr.22 (SP&DM)- 'Effective implementation of Tribal Welfare Schemes hold key to tribal development,' said Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) Director Prof. T.T. Basavanagouda.

He was speaking at the one-day workshop on 'Integrated Tribal Development Schemes for overall development of Tribal communities living in the forests and forest borders', organised by KSTRI at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal road here yesterday.

Pointing out that the State Government has set aside Rs. 200 crore this year for tribal development, Prof. Basavanagouda said that a Tribal Development Council has been set up to oversee implementation of tribal development schemes and initiatives at all levels.

Noting that the workshop is aimed at discussing the most practical ways for improvement in tribal lifestyle, up-gradation of occupational skills and others key issues related to the welfare of tribal communities, he underlined the need to focus on social, economical, academic and health issues concerning tribals.

Stating that there were over 50 tribal communities in 30 districts of the State having their own distinctive lifestyles and culture, Prof. Basavanagouda said it was all the more important that all tribal development initiatives reached the targetted communities.

Earlier, leaders of various tribal communities inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp.

LAMP Society President Krishnaiah, Vivekananda Youth Movement's Balasubramaniam, Yerava community leader Kaveriah, Soliga community leader Madegowda, Hakkipikki tribe leader Kumuda, Betta Samudaya leader Chikkamma and others were present. More than 150 tribal leaders and representatives of different organisations working for tribal welfare are taking part in this day-long camp.

# Manhole cleaning: MCC clarifies

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (KS)- Following publication of the photo caption news item titled 'Manhole cleaners keep working despite ban on manual job' in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 19, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in a press release dated Apr. 20, has clarified that the workers were undertaking de-silting works using a machine, when the rod broke inside the manhole.

The release further said that when a worker tried to look inside the manhole for the rod, his mobile phone which was kept in his shirt pocket fell inside the manhole and the other two workers were helping him to retrieve the mobile phone using his leg by lowering him into the manhole and not for cleaning purpose.

The PRO has further clarified that they are abiding the Supreme Court order and will not violate the Apex Court order in any circumstances, as per the report provided by the Assistant Executive Engineer, UGD Sub-Division – 1.

Meanwhile, the Mysuru City Corporation Permanent and Contract Pourakarmikas Association, which held a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, has clarified that the Pourakarmika was being lowered into a manhole, to retrieve his mobile phone which had fallen into it and not for cleaning purpose.

# CM's son Dr. Yathindra's meeting with officials sparks row

*MUDA Commissioner's car in front of CM's house. Dr. M. Mahesh (extreme right) and others on way to attend meeting.*

*Dr. Yathindra*

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (RK)- A meeting held at Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's residence in Ramakrishnanagar here yesterday took a controversial turn after word went around that it was called by the CM's son Dr. Yathindra, who neither holds any constitutional post nor is he an elected representative.

Senior officials from MUDA, CESC and other Departments attended the meeting reportedly convened by Dr. Yathindra, in which the Joint Secretary to the Chief Minister, M. Ramaiah was also present. According to sources, Dr. Yathindra asked the officials to address people's issues at the earliest.

Later in the day, MUDA Commissioner Dr. M. Mahesh, speaking to *SOM,* claimed that Dr. Yathindra had not called the meeting. "The Joint Secretary to the Chief Minister had called us informing that a few farmers had come to the CM's house and wanted to discuss some issues," Dr. Mahesh said.

"When I went to the CM's house, more than 50 people from different villages were present. The villagers had submitted memoranda to take up repair works of roads, drainage system and augmentation of other civic amenities in their respective villages.

After receiving the letters, I returned to my work place," the MUDA Commissioner said and added that they hardly spent 10 minutes there and returned to office after collecting representations from the villagers.

Apart from Dr. Mahesh, MUDA SE M. Shivakumar, EE Raju, ZP, PWD, Revenue and other Department officials too took part in the meeting, according to sources.

It may be recalled here that Dr. Yathindra had participated in a similar meeting at CADA Office a few months ago, which was chaired by the CM's Joint Secretary Ramaiah.

The CM had later justified Yathindra's presence stating that he had just handed over applications collected from the public to the officials concerned and that he himself did not conduct any meeting.

# Siddu to contest from Bagalakote or Koppal?

*Siddharamaiah*

Bengaluru, Apr.22 (KMS&DM)- Even as Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is brimming with confidence after the Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-polls victory, speculations about the CM's plans to contest from Bagalakote (Bagalkot) or Koppal has caused concern among his followers.

Siddharamaiah, who was elected from Varuna constituency in his home district of Mysuru, is now said to be not totally sure of winning from Varuna in the 2018 Assembly polls. Also, Chamundeshwari constituency, which he represented earlier too is said to be unsafe for the CM. Hence speculations are going round that Siddharamaiah may move northwards to contest from Bagalkot or Koppal where Kuruba community voters, to which the CM belongs to, are in large numbers.

The CM has also taken note of the fact that the Opposition may target him if he shifts to another constituency fearing defeat in his home constituency. Siddharamaiah had contested from the Koppal Lok Sabha seat in 1989 and lost, which factor too may be in his mind.

Siddharamaiah, a seasoned politician that he is, may surely be wary of the consequences of changing constituencies, according to political pundits who recalled that S.M. Krishna drew flak from various quarters for choosing to contest from Chamarajpet constituency in Bengaluru in the 2004 elections, after ditching his home constituency of Maddur.

In this backdrop, it is to be seen whether Siddharamaiah will really move to North Karnataka or contest from Chamundeshwari in the South, while leaving the Varuna seat to his son Dr. Yathindra.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# MI look to maintain unbeaten home record

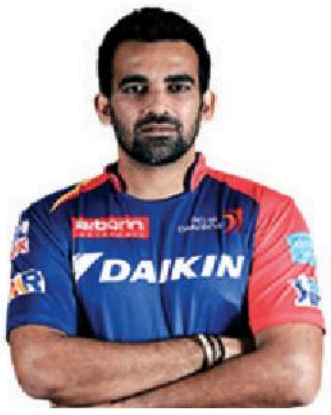
The Mumbai Indians (MI) will look to firm up their position at the top of the VIVO IPL 2017 standings when they take on the Delhi Daredevils (DD) tonight.

Since the 7-wicket defeat to Rising Pune Supergiant at the start of the season, MI have stitched together a sequence of five consecutive wins. The team has become better by the day and players are putting up their hands and taking responsibilities when it has mattered; in their most-recent outing, they annihilated Kings XI Punjab, chasing down 199 without breaking a sweat.

Delhi Daredevils have been impressive, though the results won't necessary back that claim; they've won only two matches – though that could have easily been four or five wins. In their last two outings, they have challenged their opponents, but have finished within touching distance of the post. Zaheer Khan's captaincy has drawn praise from several quarters; his execution of strategy on the field, his field placements and his marshalling of troops has been brilliant. But the captain will be aware that his team needs to start garnering a few points and start making a move up the ladder.

MI have discovered a gem in Nitish Rana; the left-hander is the team's top run-getter, and has contributed a significant number of runs on five of the six times he has walked out to bat. The 23-year old has showcased that he has the temperament to anchor the innings or take the attack to the opposition when required; if against SRH he scored at a strike-rate of 125, most recently against KXIP he scored 62 off 34 balls at a strike-rate of 182. Jos Buttler and Rohit Sharma will be expected to make big scores too.

Post his century, Sanju Samson has only given glimpses of the immense talent he possesses; the Delhi Daredevils batsman has that gift of timing and has the strokes too, but it is his choice of strokes and the timing of those strokes that has often disappointed. The 22-year-old will do well to start converting his starts into significant scores. Shreyas Iyer scored a fluent half-century the other day, and he will be keen to make a significant score on his home ground. Rishabh Pant has promised plenty and it is time the teenager started giving a good account of himself on a consistent basis.



**Among the bowlers, look out for the old pros:** Zaheer Khan, Harbhajan Singh and Lasith Malinga. Harbhajan might not have the wickets to show how well he has bowled, but his economy rate of 5.94 has certainly tied down MI's opponents. Malinga should still be seething from Hashim Amla's assault on Thursday night; the Sri Lankan has an impressive record against DD and he will have up against him a young and inexperienced batting line-up.

*[Courtesy: Internet]*

## IPL Season-10

### Today's Matches

Rising Pune Supergiants
Vs
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Vs
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**Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, 8 pm**

### Tomorrow's Matches

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Vs
Kings XI Punjab
**Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Rajkot, 4 pm.**

Kolkata Knight Riders
Vs
Royal Challengers Bangalore
**Eden Gardens, Kolkata, 8 pm.**

### Yesterday's Result

**GL 188/6 (18.2 Overs)**
beat
**KKR 187/5 (20 Overs)**

**Live Telecast on SONY MAX, SONY SIX & SONY ESPN**

## DFA 'A' Diivsion Football League

# Hat-trick by Arbaz

Mysuru, Apr. 22- Centre-forward Arbaz's hat-trick helped Soniya FC to register a 3-0 win over Pope FC in their Group-B tie of the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2016-17 for the Achutharao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Friday.

**RESULTS**

**Soniya FC:** 3 (Arbaz 11, 27, 47) bt **Pope FC:** 0.

## U-13 State Sub-Junior Basketball

# City's Pro-Tec Challengers post win

Dharwad, Apr. 22- City's Pro-Tec Challengers, taking part in the U-13 State-level Sub-Junior Basketball Championships at Dharwad for the B.S. Narayan Memorial Trophy scored a 22-11 win over Mallasajjan SC, Dharwad and entered the 2nd round on Friday.

**SCORES**

**Pro-Tec Challengers:** 22 (Ravindra 7, Prateek 6) bt **Mallasajjan SC, Dharwad:** 11 (Umesh 5).

## Karnataka State U-13 Girls & Open Chess Tourney

# City's Prasiddhi Bhatin 6th place

Hassan, Apr. 22- Mysuru girl Prasiddhi Bhat, taking part in the Karnataka State U-13 Girls Chess Championships 2017 being held at Rajeev Educational Arcade, Hassan, from Apr. 21-23, has secured 2 points from two rounds and is placed sixth in the rankings on Friday.

In all, 17 players are tied with 2 points each at the end of second round. Bhagyashree Patil, Sanjana Raghunath (both Bengaluru), A.N. Shefali (Mandya), Anya Seth Syed (B'lore) and M. Dhruthi (B'lore) are placed from one to fifth in the rankings.

Mysuru girl Hemadri satish with 2 points is placed 12th, while Dhatri Umesh (1 point) and C.T. Anamika Menon (1 point) from Mysuru are placed 25th & 26th respectively. M.N. Eshanvi of Mysuru with 1 point is placed 36th in ranking after 2 rounds.

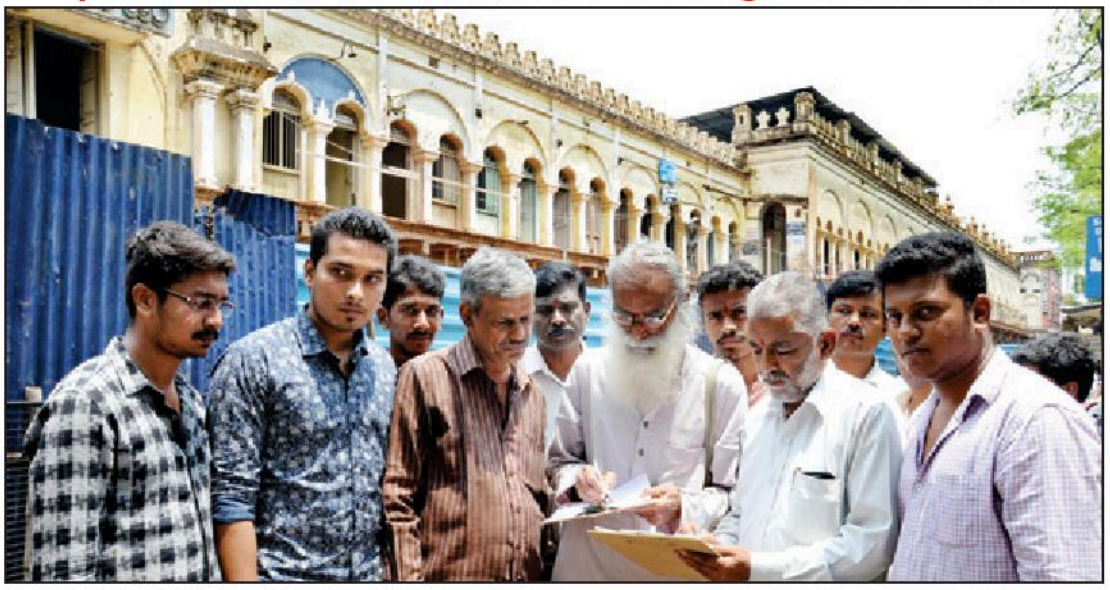
In the U-13 Open Championships, Mysuru lad M. Shivanth is placed seventh in the ranking with two points from 2 rounds. Mysuru's M.G. Sumukh, K.S. Chiranjan Kumarr (2 points each) are placed 23rd & 29th respectively in the rankings after round two. M.G. Prameeth (1.5 points) is placed 52nd while Dharmik B. Gowda with 1 point is placed 89th in the ranking. Pankaj Bhat and M. Chirag (both of Puttur) are placed one and two respectively with 2 points from 2 rounds and is followed by Kaushik G. Iyer (B'lore) with 2 points.

# Runners-Up in Bettaiah Memorial Football Championship

***NIE Football team emerged Runners-Up in the Bettaiah Memorial Athletes Football Club Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Championship 2017-18 held at University Football grounds recently.*** *Sitting from left:* ***M. Syed Masood Hayath (Captain), Shankaranarayana (Physical Education Director), Dr. G.L. Shekar (Principal), R. Kavya (Asst. PE Director) and V. Nirikshith (Vice-Captain);*** *Standing from left:* ***Prapanch Kokkalemada, Muhammed Rameez Khan, Sourab John Jacob, G. Darshan Kumar, Kush Pranao, T.N. Rakshith, Mohammed Aziz Ur Rahman, Chinmay Hegde, Syed Hisham Saadi, M.S. Sukesh and H.R. Chinmay.***

# Demolition of heritage buildings: DC warns officials

## Disciplinary action will be taken if officials grant permission to demolish heritage structures



Mysuru, Apr. 22- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has warned the officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) that disciplinary action would be taken against them if they grant permission to demolish heritage structures under their jurisdiction.

In a press release, the DC has asked authorities in-charge of heritage structures to inform the Heritage Committee (headed by him) before taking up any works on such structures. The DC stated that many structures have been demolished without bringing it to the notice of the Committee. He warned of stringent action if any structure is demolished without prior permission.

He stated that no heritage structure should be altered before the final notification of 'heritage structures list' is approved by the Government. He also appealed to the owners of private heritage properties not to take up repair, harm or demolish their assets without informing the Committee.

According to the Heritage Committee, there are around 600 heritage buildings in the city that are over a century old. The Committee had recently listed 201 heritage buildings and the final report will be submitted soon. Once the report is submitted, the District Administration would release a list of rules, regulations and guidelines to conserve the structures.

Among the 201 properties, 52 are under Government control, 13 under the Centre, 16 with the MCC, nine with the University of Mysore, and 111 under private ownership. "It's the responsibility of the citizens of Mysuru to safeguard the heritage [of the city]. But recently, the city's heritage has been harmed by the demolishing of such structures without notifying the Committee set up to safeguard them," the DC said.

The DC also said none of the 201 properties should be harmed at any cost either by Government agencies or others, until the Government issues a notification.

**Signature campaign against Lansdowne building demolition:** Members of *Belaku* organisation yesterday launched a signature campaign to oppose demolition of the Lansdowne Building. **The agitators, led by retired Professor P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, collected signatures from shop owners and members of the public near the heritage building.**

According to them, the Lansdowne Building and the Devaraja Market must not be demolished and must be renovated and handed over to the merchants and businessmen who were trading there earlier.

The existing structures must be retained and money must be spent to renovate them instead of reconstructing them, they said.

Addressing traders, Urs said, "We should protect the building as it has its own significance. Mysuru is known as Heritage City only because of its heritage structures and it is our responsibility to protect them. The authorities are destroying the structure in the name of renovation."

# Civil contractor exemplifies honesty

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (US&RK)- A Civil Contractor has exemplified honesty by searching the address and returning a purse containing cash and gold jewels worth lakhs of rupees to the owner of the purse.

The Civil contractor, identified as Sadiq, a resident of 5th Main, T.K. Layout here, has now won accolades from public and Police.

The marriage of Anita, daughter of Ananthramu, a retired a Assistant Sub-Inspector and a resident of Ramanuja Road in Agrahara was solemnised yesterday at Guru Raghavendra Bhavan on New Kantharaja Urs Road in Kuvempunagar. The bride's party was busy shifting materials, to the choultry right from Wednesday. On Thursday, Sadiq happened to notice a purse lying on New Kanthraje Urs Road. On picking it and opening, observed that it contained Rs. 3,300 in cash and about 100 gm of gold jewels. On finding a jewellers cash bill present in the purse, Sadiq approached the shop, got the mobile phone number of the person and informed him.

He handed over the purse to Saraswathipuram Police Station.

Yesterday afternoon, the Police summoned the brother of the bride and handed over the lost purse to him. Inspector K.C. Poovaiah and staff felicitated Sadiq.

When people yank off valuables at the slightest chance, tribe like Sadiq have become a microscopic rarity in society who deserve appreciation.

# Dist. Kannada Sahitya Parishat President warns writer

Y.D. Rajanna

Mysuru, Apr.22 (ACP&DM)- Dismissing corruption and irregularities charges made by writer Bannur K. Raju, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and former Presidents Maddikere Gopal and M. Chandrashekar, have warned the writer of legal action if he did not stop making false charges against them and cause damage to the Parishat's reputation.

In a joint press release, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Maddikere Gopal and M. Chandrashekar said that the funds for K.R. Nagar taluk literary meet, which could not be held for some reasons, was utilised for H.D. Kote taluk meet only after obtaining permission from the then Parishat President Pundalika Halambi. The funds spent for H.D. Kote meet was audited. Writer Bannur Raju, knowing all this fully well, is now making baseless charges, they claimed.

Referring to allegations of misuse of revenue generated from Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar, they said the dispute over the commercial complex in Sahitya Bhavan is now in the Court and as such there is no revenue earned from the buildings.

However, a monthly rent of Rs. 3,800 is collected from the two rooms in the Bhavan, which is used for the maintenance of the Bhavan. If such is the situation, how can there be misuse of lakhs of rupees, they wondered. Referring to the charges against Dr. Rajanna they said that Dr. Rajanna was a veterinary doctor by profession and a writer by passion.

Pointing out that Rajanna has been involved in Kannada literary circles for over 25 years, they said Rajanna has many works to his credit and has been serving the Animal Husbandry Department to the best of his ability.

"Rajanna is a rare personality who has maintained a perfect balance between passion and profession," they said.

Asserting that Dr. Rajanna has been making preparations for the 83rd Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana to be held in Mysuru, they said Raju, who lost the District Kannada Sahithya Parishat polls, was making baseless charges against them.

Accusing Raju of making baseless charges out of personal animosity, Dr. Rajanna, Maddikere Gopal and Chandrasekhar said a defamation suit will be filed against Bannur K. Raju if he does not stop making false charges and also if he continues to tarnish the image of the Parishat.

# Three get life imprisonment for murdering liquor-addict friend

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (ACP&KS)- The First Additional District and Sessions Court Judge N. Krishnaiah has sentenced three persons to life imprisonment for murdering their friend, who used to pester them daily for liquor.

While those sentenced have been identified as 23-year-old Harish Kumar alias Kiladi of Mullur village, 27-year-old Pradeep alias Jambu and 28-year-old Ravikumar alias Amase of Mahadevapura, the victim has been identified as Yogesh, who was their friend.

**The case:** Harish, one of the person who has been sentenced, was working in a private bank and used to stay in a rented house behind Chamundeshwari Temple in K.G. Koppal, where Yogesh, Ravikumar and Pradeep used to frequent to consume liquor which was being bought by Harish.

When Harish left the job and was penniless, Yogesh began to pester him to buy him liquor, which Harish refused resulting in Yogesh getting angry and broke the glass pane of a car window belonging to Harish's friend.

Following the incident, Harish, Ravikumar and Pradeep hatched a plot to eliminate Yogesh and on Oct. 18, 2012 night, Ravikumar and Pradeep called Yogesh on his mobile phone telling him that Harish had called him.

When Yogesh arrived, all the three pounced on him and attacked him injuring him seriously. The seriously injured Yogesh was admitted to Apollo BGS Hospital, where he passed away the following day.

Ashokapuram Police, who had registered a case in this regard, had submitted a charge-sheet against the three to the Court.

The Court, which heard the arguments found the three accused guilty and sentenced them to life imprisonment besides levying a fine of Rs. 5,000 on each of them.

The Judge has issued an order to provide compensation under Karnataka Victim Compensation Scheme to Yogesh's parents, who are rearing cows and doing milk business.

Public Prosecutor Ajith Kumar D. Hamigi argued for the Government.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Bucolic

**Pronunciation:** byoo-KAH-lik

**Meaning:** Of or relating to shepherds or herdsmen: pastoral; relating to or typical of rural life; pleasing or picturesque in natural simplicity: idyllic

**Origin:** We get bucolic from the Latin word bucolicus, which is ultimately from the Greek word boukolos, meaning "cowherd." When bucolic was first used in English as an adjective in the early 17th century, it meant "pastoral" in a narrow sense—that is, it referred to things related to shepherds or herdsmen and in particular to pastoral poetry. Later in the 19th century, it was applied more broadly to things rural or rustic. Bucolic has also been occasionally used as a noun meaning "a pastoral poem" or "a bucolic person."

## THE ODD WORD

### Cyanic

Blue; azure

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Hear hear

**Meaning:** A shout of acclamation or agreement. It represents a listener's agreement with the point being made by a speaker.

**Origin:** Originated in the British parliament in the 18th century as a contraction of 'hear him, hear him'. It is still often heard there although it is often used ironically these days. It was originally an imperative for directing attention to speakers, and has since been used, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, as "the regular form of cheering in the House of Commons", with many purposes, depending on the intonation of its user.[1] Its use in Parliament is linked to the fact that applause is normally (though not always) forbidden in the chambers of the House of Commons and House of Lords.[2] The phrase hear him, hear him! was used in Parliament from late in the 17th century, and was reduced to hear! or hear, hear! by the late 18th century. The verb hear had earlier been used in the King James Bible as a command for others to listen.

## QUOTE BOX

A beautiful woman delights the eye; a wise woman, the understanding; a pure one, the soul. **—Minna Antrim**

## RIDDLE THIS

What does this rebus say?

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*Answer: Lying down on the job.*

## SUDOKU

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| | | 6 | | 5 | 4 | | | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 7 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| 8 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 From a distance
5 Cry of delight
8 ____ Kasparov : the chess great?
12 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
13 ___ Dhabi : capital of United Arab Emirates?
14 Ex-Chilean tennis star Marcelo ___
15 Killer
17 Italian city famous for its ancient Roman ruins
18 Cost estimating system, abbr.
19 By preference; more truly?
21 Inflict, as in ___ havoc?
24 Subsidiary rule
25 Stringed instrument
26 Not sincere
27 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
30 Atomic mass unit, acronym
31 Across as an abbreviation, as in ___- Atlantic Flight?
32 Narrow inlet, creek
33 On ___ : ready for immediate use?
34 ___ on the lips of : listened to very very attentively?
35 Cry of old town crier
36 Held at bay
38 Chatter, talk too much
39 Examples of jargon
41 Large or bulky
42 Makes loving sound
43 With __ __: in an enthusiastic and warm manner? (4,4)
48 Actress Bancroft?
49 Sea for the French
50 Takes a short rest or sleeps for a while
51 Loch __: Scottish monster lake?
52 ___ on : incite or encourage?
53 Wise person

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:**

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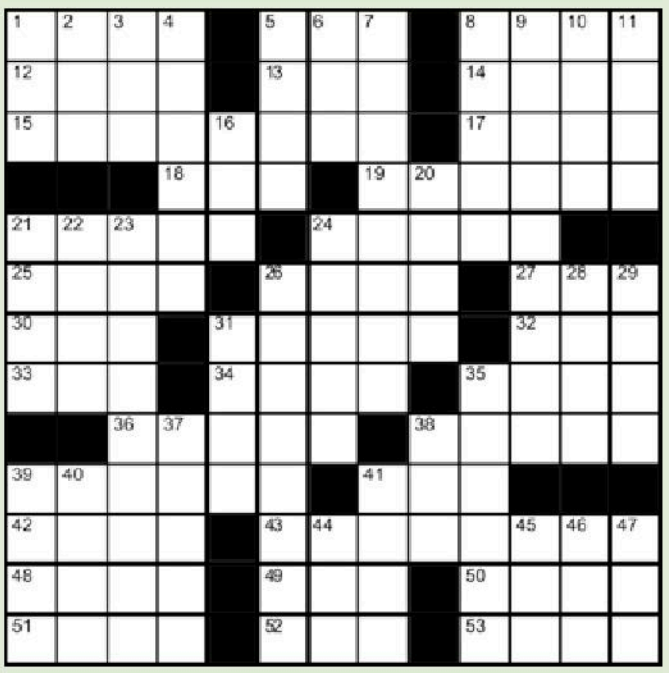
| M | U | M | ■ | ■ | ■ | L | M | S | ■ | I | B | M |

**DOWN**

1 Objective, target
2 Influenza, colloquially speaking
3 A mixture of gases we breathe
4 Military policeman (slang)
5 Makes one's way by, or as if by, rowing
6 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
7 Rushing, expediting or hastening
8 Ex-Hollywood belle __ Garbo
9 Mrs Abhishek Bachchan
10 By ___ : by memory alone?
11 Belgian river
16 Comics cry
20 Priestly vestments?
21 The question of choice?
22 An avatar of Vishnu
23 Outbursts as of volcanos
24 Gentle or suave in manner
26 Macabre
28 Prescribed course of food
29 Destroy or burn down; demolish
31 Those people over there!
35 "Groans" anagram for musical instruments?
37 Garden flowers
38 Postal Index Number, acronym?
39 Words from a confident person (1,3)
40 Be __ with: have finished with?
41 Austrian composer
44 Fasten, secure or nail down?
45 Regional Airline Assoc.
46 Fuel economy letters
47 Compass direction



## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**ODB YBQKWV MDJ KW IBM HWWX PWWNK QYB MYEOOBV EK**

**ODQO KW IBM CBWCRB MDW SQV MYEOB NVWM QVJODEVH**

**TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS P.**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

# NOW SHOWING

| Movie | Theatre | Phone | Shows |
|---|---|---|---|
| **KANNADA** | | | |
| *6-5=2 (Part -2)* | Prabha | 2423569 | 4 Shows |
| | Thibbadevi | 2452958 | 4 Shows |
| *Raaga* | Sterling | 2481170 | 4 Shows |
| | Sangam | 2520494 | 4 Shows |
| *Chakravarthy* | Woodlands | 2422871 | 4 Shows |
| | Lakshmi | 2443584 | 4 Shows |
| | Mahadeshwara | 9900820093 | 4 Shows |
| *Raajakumara* | Saraswathi | 2541451 | 4 Shows |
| | Gayathri | 2443568 | 4 Shows |
| | Lido | 2420885 | 4 Shows |
| *Chowka* | Shanthala | 2427584 | 4 Shows |
| *Kirik Party* | Sri Maruthi | 94489-06100 | 4 Shows |
| | Padma | 2521923 | 4 Shows |
| **HINDI** | | | |
| *Railroad Tigers* | Sri Nagaraj | 2520490 | 4 Shows |
| *Noor* | Balaji Deluxe | 2497199 | 4 Shows |
| *Kamasutra* | Uma | 2520009 | 4 Shows |
| **ENGLISH** | | | |
| *Planet of Avatar* | Olympia | 2420737 | 4 Shows |
| *Fast and Furious-8* | Rajkamal | 2423554 | 4 Shows |
| **TAMIL** | | | |
| *Shivalinga* | Skyline | 2481170 | 4 Shows |

## DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

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| *Fast and Furious -8 (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 11.00 am, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Noor (H)* | (S-1) | 1.45 pm |
| | (S-3) | 7.40 pm |
| *Smurfs: The Lost Village (E-3D)* | (S-2) | 11.00 am, 1.00 pm 5.25, 7.45 pm |
| *Maatr (H)* | (S-2) | 3.00 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Raaga (K)* | (S-3) | 11.10 am |
| *Chakravarthy (K)* | (S-3) | 1.45 pm, 4.45 pm |
| *Rakshadhikari Baiju Oppu (Ma)* | (S-3) | 9.55 pm |
| *Raajakumara (K)* | (S-4) | 10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm |

## INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

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|---|---|---|
| *Smurfs: The Lost Village (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 12.50 pm, 2.50 pm, 7.40 |
| *Smurfs: The Lost Village (E-2D)* | (S-2) | 10.50 am |
| *Fast and Furious -8 (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 10.00 am, 4.50 pm, 9.40 |
| *Fast and Furious -8 (E-2D)* | (S-2) | 6.50 pm |
| *Chakravarthy (K)* | (S-3) | 10.00 am, 3.40 pm |
| *Raajakumara (K)* | (S-2) | 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.40 |
| | (S-3) | 6.45 pm |
| *Raaga (K)* | (S-3) | 1.05 pm |
| | (S-4) | 5.05 pm |
| *Noor (H)* | (S-3) | 9.45 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.05 am, 2.45 pm |
| *Maatr (H)* | (S-4) | 12.25 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *Rakshadhikari Baiju Oppu (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.55 pm |

**Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.**

# AIR ON SUNDAY

**6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Raitarige Salahe, 6.45 Sponsored Prog., 7.15 Bhavageete, 8.30 Radio Doctor, 10.00 Keli Giligale, 10.15 Jenkara, 10.30 Makkala Mantapa, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Music Recital, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.40 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Vaarada Atithi, 4.00 Vaarada Cinema, 6.45 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Vijnana Bharati, 9.16 Bhajans, 9.30 Akhila Bharata Ravivarada Sangeetha Sabha.**

# EVENTS TODAY (APR.22)

**Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**

**Art Expo:** Earth Day celebrations, Photography expo by wildlife photographer Lokesh Mosale, Maharaja College Round Canteen premises, **up to 5.30 pm.**

**Mysore Art Gallery:** Painting Expo on 'Namma Bhoomi' as part of World Earth Day, artist Dr. Jamunarani P. Mirle inaugurates, artist L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **up to 7 pm.**

**Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) and Samaikya Publications:** Book release — Prof. Polanki Ramamurthy's 'Sitaayana' — by thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, B.M. Shri auditorium, KIKS premises, Manasagangothri, **3 pm.**

**All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH):** Austism Awareness Jatha by staff and students of the institute, AIISH Director Dr. S.R. Savithri flags off the event, foot of Chamundi Hill, Street Play, Chamundi Hill, **4 pm.**

**Sri Chandru Grameena Sangeetha Kala Sangha, T.N. Pura:** 4th annual cultural programme, Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar inaugurates, Jaganmohan Palace premises, **5 pm.**

**Village Hostel, Manasagangothri:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary and UG Students Hostel and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Students Hostel Anniversary celebrations, former Mayor Purushotham inaugurates, Gangothri Students Welfare Division Director Dr. M. Rudraiah presides, Village Hostel premises, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**

**Mysore Sharana Mandali Mysore:** Dr. B.R Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrations, former LS Speaker Krishna inaugurates, Journalist Rajashekar Koti speaks, Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, social worker B.R. Nataraj Jois chief guest, Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

**Mysore Bar Association:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 126th birth anniversary celebrations, Principal District and Sessions Judge PGM Patil inaugurates, senior Judge Prof. Ravivarma Kumar main speaker, Mysore Bar Association President G.V. Ramamurthy presides, SP Ravi D. Channannavar chief guest, Bar Association premises, **5.30 pm.**

**Pragathi Pratisthan:** Award presentation ceremony — Pride of Mysuru, Avadhoota Simha Sri Vidyahamsa Bharathi Maharaj of Sri Mahakali Chakreshwari Peetam-Srikshetra Tridama-Pandavapura graces the occasion, Pramda Devi Wadiyar inaugurates, former Minister PGR Sindhia chief guest, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**

**Nijadani Prakashana, Mysuru:** Book release and 78th birthday celebrations of K. Mayigowda, folk scholar Dr. Krishnamurthy Hanur presides, The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

**Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Shivanubhava Dasoha-234, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, retd. Principal Prof. B. Somashekararappa presides, lecture on 'Basavannanavaru mattu Arthika Chintane' by Dr. K.M. Veeraiah, Bhajans by special students, Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **6 pm.**

**Music Concert [Mob: 96866-66695]:** Arjun Janya Live in Concert, Silent Shores Resort & Spa, **6 pm.**

**Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama:** Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Holy Mother,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

**Kalabharathi, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra:** Classical Instrumental Music (Mandolin) by R. Mithun as part of its monthly music programme, Y.T. Thathachari Auditorium, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

**Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Sri M.H. Raja Rao Memorial Concert, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. S.R. Vinay, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

**Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, Mysuru:** Jayciana, Annual cultural festival, Cultural nights, Performance by Bollywood singer Shefali Alveras, **6 pm to 10 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.23)

**St. Philomena's College Alumni Association:** Annual General body Meeting (AGM), College Indoor Stadium, **9.30 am.**

**Ganabharathi:** Swathi Thirunal Day, H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, inaugurates, **10 am;** Vid. Prof. R. Visweswaran - Veene; Vid. H. L. Shivashankaraswamy - Mridanga, Vid S Manjunath- Ghatam, **10.30 am;** Vidu. Neela Ramgopal - Vocal, Vid. Achutha Rao - Violin, Vid. A Radhesh - Mridangam, **11.30 am;** Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra-Vocal, Vid. C. N. Tyagarajan-Violin, Vid. H. L. Shivashankarswamy- Mridangam, **12.30 pm;** Vid. N. R. Prashanth-Vocal, Vid. Achutha Rao - Violin, Vid. Adamya- Mridangam, **2.30 pm;** Vidu. M.S. Vidya - Vocal, Vidu. Veena Suresh - Violin, Vid. Sai Shivu Laxmi Keshav - Mridangam, **3.30 pm;** Vid. Srikantham Nagendra Sastry-Vocal, Vid. C. N. Tyagarajan- Violin, Vid. G.R. Srinivas - Mridangam, **4.30 pm;** Vid. Chandan Kumar- Flute, Vid. H. K. Narasimhamurthy - Violin, Vid. R. Adamya - Mridanga, **6 pm;** Vidu. S. Rajalakshmi - Veene, Vid. A. Radhesh - Mrudangam, Vid. Raghunandan - Ghata, **7 pm;** Vidu. Saralaya Sisters-Vocal, Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy - Violin, Vid. G. R. Srinivas - Mridangam, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **8 to 9 pm.**

**Lions Clubs International, 41st Annual District Convention Host Committee [Mob: 98453-29553]:** Sarthaka Shataka - District Convention, District Governor Ln. Anil Kumar presides, Shubhodhini Convention Hall, **10 am.**

**Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

**Chintana Chittara Sahitya haagu Samskrutika Vedike, Kannada Book Authority Stall:** World Book Day celebrations, special lecture on 'Book Culture' by Dr. R.V.S. Sundaram, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar inaugurates, Park near Karnataka Book Authority Stall, behind Kamakshi Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

**Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrations, MP R. Dhruvanarayan inaugurates, MLA M.K. Somashekar garlands Dr. Ambedkar's bust, KEA Chairman B. Siddaraju presides, MyLac GM Harakumar Singh speaks about Dr. Ambedkar, Foundation premises, J.P. Nagar, **10.30 am.**

**Sri Vasavi Trust Mysore South:** Guruvandana and Book Release, Karnataka Shastriya Sangeetha Saara Sudha, music scholar M.L. Bharati inaugurates, Vid. T.H. Tyagaraja chief guest, Trust premises, Industrial Suburb 3rd Stage,Vishweshwaranagar, **10.30 am.**

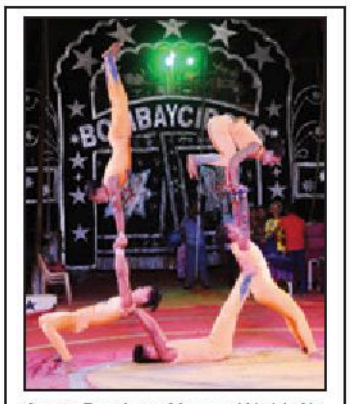
**Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Karnatak Classical Vocal Duet by Vidu. Kanchana Sriranjani and Vidu. Shruthi Ranjani, accompanied by Vid. Achutha Rao on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on khanjira, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

**Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama:** Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Sri Rama Krishna's message for us,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

**Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust and Kavyaranjani Sabha, Mysuru:** Kaavya Vaachana-Vyaakhyaana Sourabha prog. on Dr. DVG's 'Mankuthimmana Kagga' and Bhartrahariya 'Neeti Shataka,' artistes — Vidu. B.H. Nagaratna, Vid. R. Ramakrishna, Vid. K. Ramachandra and Vidu. Annapurna Nagendra, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6 pm.**

**Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru and Sri Andal Mandiram Trust:** Sahasramanotsava celebrations of Sri Ramanujacharya, Spiritual talk on 'Sri Ramanujacharya' by Vidu. Janaki Seshadri, Sri Andal Mandiram, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**

**Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, Mysuru:** Jayciana, Annual cultural festival, Cultural nights, Performance by playback singer Vijay Prakash of 'Jai Ho' fame, **6 pm to 10 pm.**



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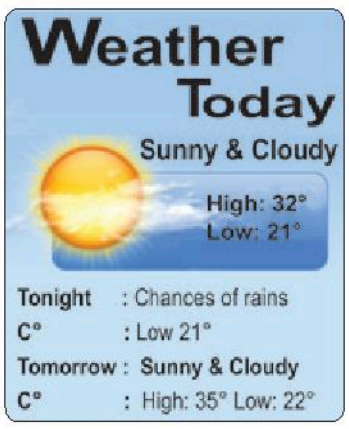


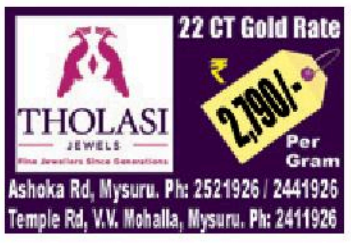

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